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MATRICULATION RESULTS.

SENIOR LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

Subject to the approval of the Senate of the University of Hong Kong the following are the results of the Matriculation and Senior Local examinations held this month:

MATRICULATION HONOURS LIST.

Trieu Xung (dist. in French) St. Joseph's College.
Omar Hassan (dist. in physics and chemistry), Queen's College.
Hu Hui Mi (dist. in Chinese), Queen's College.
Mak Kai Chan (dist. in English, physics, chemistry and trigonometry), Queen's College.
Mak Kai Tung (dist. in mathematics, physics, chemistry and trigonometry), Queen's College.
Hin Seung Yick (dist. in trigonometry), Wah Yan College.
Wu Yan Tak (dist. in mathematics, geography, physics and trigonometry), Diocesan Boys' School.
Miss Mary Dixon Oliver (dist. in English), Central British School.

SENIOR LOCAL HONOURS LIST.

Miss Yvonne Phalavasu (dist. in English, French and needlework), French Convent.

MATRICULATION PASS LIST (BOYS.)

Chow Yee Cheung, St. Joseph's College.
Martin Itoh, St. Joseph's College.
Edgar George Mathias (dist. in English), St. Joseph's College.
Alberto Rodriguez (dist. in higher mathematics), St. Joseph's College.
Leonard Augustus Silva (dist. in trigonometry), St. Joseph's College.
George Souza, St. Joseph's College.
Joseph Tang See Yiu, St. Joseph's College.
Frederic Victor Wong (dist. in English), St. Joseph's College.
John Norris Young, St. Joseph's College.
Chan Kin Kung, Queen's College.
Cheng Wing Kwan, Queen's College.
Chu Kam Pin, Queen's College.
Izhaak Haroon, Queen's College.
Leung Tung Chun, Queen's College.
Mak Luk Kin, Queen's College.
Abdul Shakoor Siffad, Queen's College.
Tam Kam Shau, Queen's College.
Tsang Kwong Lam, Queen's College.
Tso Nai Shung (dist. in trigonometry), Queen's College.
Wong Pui Kai, Queen's College.
Wong Kung Fut, Queen's College.
Wu Shiu Po, Queen's College.
Chau Yok Man, Wah Yan College.
Cheung Wing Fai, Wah Yan College.
Yacoh Juman Khan, Wah Yan College.
Kong Man Sing, Wah Yan College.
Kwan Man Wai, Wah Yan College.
Lau Pui Ki (dist. in mechanics), Wah Yan College.
Lee Ho Tin, Wah Yan College.
Mak Man Cheung, Wah Yan College.
Poh King Cheung (dist. in Mandarin), Wah Yan College.
Mohammed Izhaq Razack, Wah Yan College.
Wai Man Lok, Wah Yan College.
Wong Tso Fan (dist. in Mandarin), Wah Yan College.
Yeh Kung Shuen, Wah Yan College.
Law Chak Pui (dist. in trigonometry), St. Stephen's College.
Chung Sek Chiu, St. Stephen's College.
Kong Chi Wing, St. Stephen's College.
Wong Chi Woo, St. Stephen's College.
Frederick Arthur Broadbridge, Diocesan Boys' School.
Samuel Alvin Chenallo, Diocesan Boys' School.
Cheung Kung Leung, Diocesan Boys' School.
Chiu Sik Yee, Diocesan Boys' School.
Lawrence Richard Dixon, Diocesan Boys' School.
Wong Kwong Yan, Diocesan Boys' School.
Wong Yim Yu, Diocesan Boys' School.
Frederick Zimmern, Diocesan Boys' School.
Cheng Tai Ping, Educational Institute.
Fok Yan Nown, Tutorial Institute.
Li Tai Fan, Tutorial Institute.
Liu Yan Tak (dist. in Mandarin), Tutorial Institute.
Mak Kam Ming, Tutorial Institute.
Ng Cheuk Kwong (dist. in Mandarin), Tutorial Institute.
William Lai Fook, St. Paul's College.
Albert Lau, St. Paul's College.
Sung Man Chun (dist. in English), St. Paul's College.
Gerald Gething Edwards (dist. in English), Central British School.
Bernard John Vickers (dist. in English), Central British School.
Pang Chak Sang, Sacred Heart School.

SENIOR LOCAL PASS LIST (GIRLS.)

Hung Lai Kwan, Belilios' Public School.
Jean O'Hoy, St. Stephen's Girls' College.
Theresa Sanchez, St. Mary's School.
Fung Mui Kwan, Belilios' Public School.
Hui Luk Yip, Belilios' Public School.
Ngo Sui Hing, Belilios' Public School.
Fok Sut Ngor, St. Stephen's Girls' College.
Li Luk Wa, St. Stephen's Girls' College.
Tong Woon Tsing, St. Stephen's Girls' College.
Ta'o Lai Ki, St. Stephen's Girls' College.
Flora Wan, St. Stephen's Girls' College.
Helen Wu, St. Stephen's Girls' College.
Mercedes G. Alves (dist. in needlework), Diocesan Girls' School.
Maria Augusta de Castro Baeto, Diocesan Girls' School.
Eva Dora Coyah (dist. in history), Alda M. Figueiredo, Diocesan Girls' School.
Maria C. G. Gomes, Diocesan Girls' School.
Margaret E. Gross (dist. in English), Diocesan Girls' School.
Rosie Fongsoy (dist. in English and needlework), Diocesan Girls' School.
Thalia Maria Prata, Diocesan Girls' School.
Olga Azedo, Italian Convent.
Tullie Barretto, Italian Convent.
Cissy Botelho, Italian Convent.
Henriette Demee, Italian Convent.
Olga King, Italian Convent.
Carolina Maher, Italian Convent.
Thelma May (dist. in English), Italian Convent.
Emerenciana Santos, Italian Convent.
Alice Siffad, Italian Convent.
Lily Williams, Italian Convent.
Wong Po Chue, Italian Convent.
Carmen Xavier, Italian Convent.
Dulce D'Aquino, St. Mary's School.
Marie Remedios, St. Mary's School.
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HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

The Health Bulletin for Eastern Ports for the week ending December 25th, states:—

PLAGUE.
1 case at Majunga.
1 case at Tamatave.
6 cases at Mauritania.
3 cases at Saigon.
1 case at Macassar.
CHOLERA.
52 cases at Calcutta.
1 case at Negapatam.
1 case at Rangoon.
3 cases at Singapore.
900 cases at Haiphong.
13 cases at Saigon.
4 cases at Bangkok.
SMALL-POX.
7 cases at Bombay.
93 cases at Calcutta.
1 case at Karachi.
11 cases at Madras.
5 cases at Singapore.
1 case at Rangoon.
1 case at Bangkok.

Wong Fat Chung, Sacred Heart School.
Wong Wa Kwan, Sacred Heart School.
Lau Yung Boon, Private Study.
Walter Pickersgill, Private Study.
Eric Wongtapi, Private Study.
George William Arnold, Central British School.

MATRICULATION PASS LIST (GIRLS.)

Maggie Cheung, St. Stephen's Girls' College.
Julia Lam, French Convent.
Olga Maria de Castro Baeto (dist. in English, French and music), Diocesan Girls' School.
Grace Ho Tung (dist. in English, botany, hygiene and physiology), Private Study.
Choy Wai Haan, St. Stephen's Girls' College.
Ada Leung, St. Stephen's Girls' College.
Hannah Suh (dist. in English), St. Stephen's Girls' College.

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Pedro Vicente Botelho, St. Joseph's College.
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Cheung Man Tin, Queen's College.
Lo Ka Fan, Queen's College.
Ng Wai Man, Queen's College.
Henry Chan Kam Hung, Wah Yan College.
Albert Chan Kam Moon, Wah Yan College.
Lai Ting Yee (dist. in Mandarin), Wah Yan College.
Chan Shu Fatt, St. Stephen's College.
Walter Alexander Hunt, Diocesan Boys' School.
Harry Lee, Diocesan Boys' School.
Stephen Arnold Reed, Diocesan Boys' School.
William Yuen (dist. in Spanish and trigonometry), Diocesan Boys' School.
Wan Sik Chuen, Tutorial Institute.
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DEATH SENTENCE ON SHANGHAI ROBBERS.

TEN YEARS' IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE OF THE GANG.

POLICE COMPLIMENTED.

On December 24th in the Mixed Court, Shanghai, before Messrs. Tajima and Li, nine Chinese, including a cook, a hawker, an unemployed and six coolies, came up on remand on charges of armed robbery and attempted murder involving a long series of crimes in the Settlement. Six of the gang were ordered to be sent to the Chinese authorities for execution while three were sentenced to ten years each and expulsion.

Mr. E. L. Matland conducted the case for the police and called Det. Sgt. Tabrum who said that he had arrested most of the gang. Through informers the police learned that an armed robbery was being planned by the gang at 1474, Avenue Road, and that the gang was to meet in the quarters of the cook in a foreign house at 78, Avenue Road, to discuss their procedure. The police were stationed outside the place and when the gangsters assembled a number of them were arrested. On information gained from them others of the gang were rounded up in a tea-house, while one was found in a house in Route Pere Robert. The first and second accused were in possession of automatic pistols when arrested.

All of the men made statements which were read over to them during the hearing and to which they admitted. One of the men, the third accused, had committed suicide in the police cells.

After reading over the statements made by the men, evidence in the case having been taken at a previous hearing, the Court passed sentence as stated above. They also ordered that five of the men be handed over to the French police to be tried on charges of armed robbery in the French Concession, after which they were to be handed back.

Before arising the Court said that they were pleased to recommend the ability and resourcefulness which had been shown by the police in dealing with the case.—North-China Daily News.

ZOO WINDFALLS.

SNOWY OWLS THAT LANDED IN SHIPS IN MID-ATLANTIC.

Heavy weather in the North Atlantic has had a sequel in the London Zoo. Five snowy owls, battered in November gales, took refuge under the British flag aboard various ships, and have found their way to Regent's Park. Two of the birds were caught in one vessel. In addition—a symptom of bad weather at sea—a puffin was recently caught at Hampstead, N.W., and is recovering its strength at the Zoo.

There are at least two birds which are reasonably suspected of being able to manage Transatlantic flights—the peregrine falcon and the snowy owl. Both species are found in the Old and the New Worlds. With Greenland as a stepping-stone, there seems to be no reason why the passage (less than 2,000 miles) should not be made in a couple of jumps. Both species have been met by ships in mid-Atlantic, but only occasionally are the birds so dead-beat as to alight on board and suffer capture.

The owl is more of a surprise in mid-Atlantic than the peregrine falcon, since he is not so obviously built for speed.

Both are meat-eaters, and it is notorious that in wild nature at least the carnivorous birds can go longer without food and undertake flights which the fruit- and seed-eaters cannot face.



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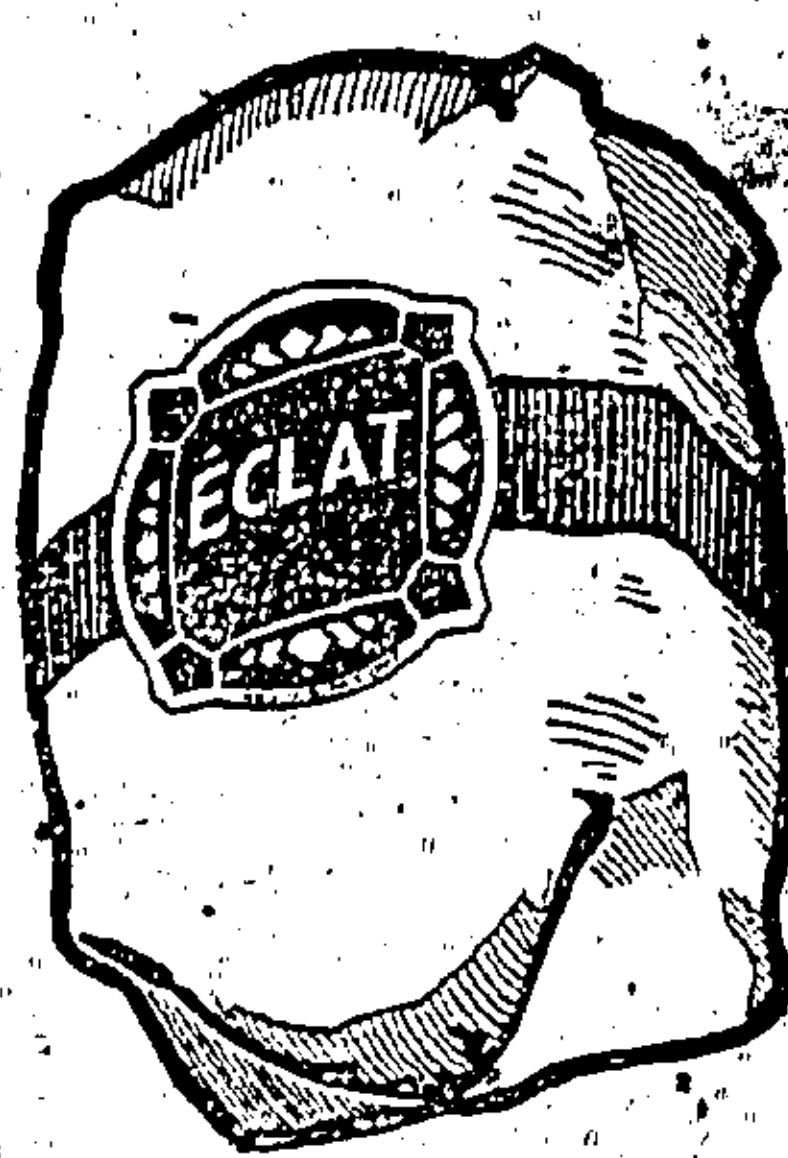
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AIR MINISTER ON R.A.F. DEATH-ROLL.

230 AIRCRAFT LOST IN THIS YEAR'S CRASHES.

"NO GENERAL CAUSE."

A series of questions on flying fatalities in the Royal Air Force was recently answered by the Air Minister (Sir Samuel Hoare) in a written reply to Colonel Gretton, M.P.

Sir Samuel gives the following figures for January 1st-November 15th, and for the corresponding period of 1925:

Fatal accidents: 1925, 40; 1926, 34; 1927, 79 (since increased to 80); 1925, 30.

Aircraft reported by November 15th as written off charge as a result of crashes:—1925, 230; 1926, 210.

Of the deaths in 1926, 15 have occurred in three accidents, two of which may be regarded as an exceptional character.

"I should add," he says, "that the amount of flying in 1926 to date is materially in excess of that for the corresponding period of 1925."

Investigations.

"In spite of continuous and careful scrutiny of every individual accident, no general cause can be assigned. Many accidents are the result of a combination of causes. A mechanical failure containing no element of danger itself, but necessitating a forced landing, may be followed by a crash due to bad ground or an error of judgment. A slight error of judgment in the air, especially near the ground, may have fatal results, whereas a similar error of judgment on the ground, as when driving a motor-car, probably results only in minor material damage."

"All sides of this question are carefully watched—e.g., the number of accidents, the stations at which they occur, the time of the year, the nature of the country, the type of machine, the medical and flying history of the pilot, methods of training, etc. Every serious accident is investigated by an independent inspector reporting to the Secretary of State, as well as by a local court of inquiry."

"Every Possible Precaution."

"Endeavours are also being made to evolve more controllable machines and mechanical devices designed to increase the safety of flying. Parachutes have been generally introduced, and have saved several lives this year."

"It must also be remembered that aircraft are constantly and necessarily improving in performance, and every addition to speed and power tends to make the result of an accident more serious."

"This question is engaging my constant personal attention, and every possible precaution is and will continue to be taken with a view to safeguarding the lives of our flying personnel by all means in our power."

POISON GAS FOR WAR.

EXPERTS' REPORT.

PENALTIES RECOMMENDED BY LEAGUE COMMISSION.

An alarming prospect of the manufacture of poison gases in the future is presented by the recent report of the League of Nations Disarmament Commission. Eminent chemists of various countries have been consulted and have given their opinion that poison gases can be produced rapidly in any industrial country, and this production cannot be prevented.

They point out that large quantities of poison gases (e.g., chlorine and phosgene) are at present produced in industry. These, and others, "are the current products of industry, or are intermediate agents indispensable for obtaining other products, and it is absolutely impossible to consider their suppression."

"It might perhaps be possible to institute," the Commission suggests, "between the industries of the different countries, agreements which would be sanctioned by the States concerned, and would provide more particularly for the rationing of manufacture."

This, the Commission thinks, would allay anxiety.

As to other poison gases, which are now produced only in small quantities, or not at all, the chemists point out that their production for war purposes is only dependent on the adaptability of existing plant, and on the industrial resources of the countries concerned.

The report points out "the expediency of abolishing all subsidies both to official laboratories and to private institutions whose object it is to promote researches in the matter of poisonous gases for purely military purposes."

The Commission also proposes, although the matter is outside its immediate sphere, that each State should make it a crime for anyone, civilian or military, to perform exercises in the use of poisons and bacteria.

The Economic Sub-Committee on Disarmament concluded its work at Geneva at the end of November. Two expert committees were appointed to meet in Paris shortly to deal with various points, including the economic effects of limit aerial armaments.

THE METAL MARKET.

AN UNSATISFACTORY YEAR.

Throughout the year the market has been extremely dull. With the principal outlets closed to trade stocks carried over from the previous year have moved off very slowly and there has been no incentive to enter into fresh transactions. The partial easing of the boycott brought out a little demand for spot cargo and held out prospects of an expansion of business but the demand proved only temporary and the market has since relapsed into a moribund state. The fall in exchange has helped replacing cost by some 15 to 20% and has made negotiation for what little new business has been offering a difficult matter.

Mild Steel Bars, Angles and Joists.

At the opening of the year the market for Continental supplies was firm. Bars being quoted at 130/-, Angles 133/- and Joists 133/- per ton c.i.f. rising 4/- to 5/- during the next few weeks. A decline set in and prices dropped, quotations at the end of July being 122/6, 122/6 and 120/- respectively. A recovery has since taken place and prices are now back at the level of the beginning of the year. If the local market transactions have been few and far between but dealers are beginning to adjust their ideas to the drop in exchange and are offering about 15% more than at the beginning of the year, i.e. 143.50 to 145.50 per picul as compared with 125.75-127.50 in January.

Steel Plate Cuttings.

These were steady at 123/- per ton c.i.f. for the first part of the year but with ship-building practically at a standstill on account of the Coal Strike the supply of Cuttings became scarce and the price rose to 143/- at one time but has since eased to 132/6. There have been very few parcels booked for this market, and as trade with Wuchow has now been resumed there may be a better demand in the near future. Earlier in the year business was done at about 83.40 per picul but the equivalent of current home prices is now in the neighbourhood of 84.25 per picul.

Wire Nails.

In the early part of the year sterling prices had a slight decline but have since kept quite steady. Assortment 1-3 dropped from 20/11 in January, to 17/9d., 1-12 14/1 to 13/8 and 3-7 from 13/3 to 12/11. Some business was done locally during October but despite the shortage in the country there has not been much demand for new cargo.

Galvanised Wire.

Quotations for 13-1 gauge and 18-22 gauge were 210.15.0 and 218.10.0 per ton c.i.f. respectively in January but have since improved to 214.15.0 and 220.5.0. There has been a fair amount of business done and the local price for 13-22 gauge has risen from 810 per picul in June to 812.40 in November. Gauge 13-17 has been done at 89.15 per picul.

Tinplates.

The market was very quiet for the first half of the year local prices remaining steady at 80 to 80.25 per box. In July a sudden demand set in which sent the price over 810 and during the past few weeks several thousand boxes have been placed at about 812.75 to 813.25. Sterling quotations are now 23/- to 23/6 per box against 21/7 to 21/10 in January.

With the interior still suffering from the effects of the political upheaval the outlook for this market is by no means bright and there seems little prospect of any speedy return to normal trading conditions. Business booked by local dealers for cargo to arrive at Chinese New Year is on a very restricted scale and it is probable that stocks here, although considerably reduced since the beginning of the year, will be sufficient to satisfy immediate demands from the interior.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, December 30th.

Paris 122-9/16

Geneva 25.12

Berlin 20.40

Oslo 19.25

Helsingfors 19.25

Rio 5/-

Shanghai 2/5

Brussels 34.90

Milan 107.2

Copenhagen 15.19

Prague 164

Lisbon 217/22

Bombay 1/8 1/32

Yokohama 2/0 7/32

New York 4.98 1/2

Amsterdam 12.15 1/2

Stockholm 15.16

Vienna 34.41

Madrid 31.77

Buenos Aires 46.15/32

Hong Kong 1/11 1/4

Silver (spot) 25.1/16

Silver (forward) 24 1/2

LORD BIRKENHEAD'S REPLY.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S CHINA INACCURACIES.

Lord Birkenhead, Secretary for India, speaking at Northampton recently said with regard to Mr. Lloyd George's speech on Saturday alleging that elements in the country wanted to go to war with China, that he was shocked and amazed that an ex-Prime Minister should make such vague charges.

"Who are these elements?" he asked, amid cheers. There were none to be found in the Government or in the Conservative Party.

Continuing, Lord Birkenhead said:

There is to-day a movement taking place particularly in Southern China, a source of inspiration of which and the ultimate purposes of which are thinly concealed. I should be doing an injustice to the ingenious plotters at Moscow if I gave anyone else credit for what is taking place, for through the lips of their leading spokesmen they have claimed that they have infested so great a part of China with the anti-foreign, anti-British virus.

It is not and never was the purpose of the Government to engage in any war with China. (Cheers.) I cannot conceive that anyone in this country, however imperfectly developed his intelligence may be, is anxious that this country should engage in any other war, be it great or be it small. (Cheers.)

Our concern as a Government has been in the first place to protect the lives of English men and English women harmlessly and usefully living in China under the assurance given by a former authority of that country.

In the second place, the policy of the Government has been, as far as we can by pacific and persuasive methods, to safeguard the great trades and financial interests which we have in that region. Will anyone say that that is wrong?

"Profoundly Untrue."

I am frankly shocked that an ex-Prime Minister (Mr. Lloyd George), who held with so much brilliance and courage the position of great responsibility in the war, should condescend now to make a speech wholly irresponsible, wholly inaccurate, wholly mischievous to the fundamental interests of which he, with every other statesman in this country, ought to be the responsible guardian.

He has said that the elements behind this movement in Southern China are not Bolshevik in their origin. That is profoundly untrue. It is almost incredible to me that sources of information were not open to Mr. Lloyd George which would have shown him it was untrue. Unless he had positive sources of information before him which justified him saying what he did, he ought never to have said so. (Cheers.)

Such a speech will inevitably be used to the greater embarrassment of the Government in a task which was grave enough already and which needed no complication. The speech of Mr. Lloyd George will be printed and circulated in languages that will be understood by the Chinese, to whom it will, in Soviet hands, be presented.

I am left, therefore, groping in the dark and frankly admitting that I cannot find any explanation of what I consider must be one of the most dangerous eccentricities in modern rhetoric. (Cheers.)

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

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Mercantile Bank, A. & B. 232 nom.

Do. O. 213 1/2 nom.

P. & O. Bank 234 buy.

East Asia Bank 234 buy.

China Underwriting 340 buy.

North China Ins. 145 nom.

Union Insurance 234 nom.

Yantai Insurance 145 1/2 nom.

China Fire Insurance 300 buy.

Hong Kong Fire Ins. 315 buy.

Do. 324 buy.

Steamboats 226 nom.

Hong Kong Trade 312 nom.

Indo-China (Ind.) 302 buy.

Do. (Ind.) 342 buy.

Shell Transport 407 nom.

Star Ferries 304 buy.

Waterboats 315 buy.

China Sugar 323 sel.

Malacca Sugar 338 nom.

Benguet 140 nom.

Asiatic Mining Ad. 334 nom.

Langkate (combined) 115 1/2 buy.

Lo. (single) 112 nom.

Shan. Exploration 112 nom.

Shanghai Loans 112 nom.

Ranb. 34 nom.

Tonkin Mines 21/- buy.

Ural Caspian 8/- nom.

H.K. & W. Wharfe 115 nom.

H.K. & W. Docks 145 sel.

Hongkew 170 nom.

New Engineering 115 1/2 buy.

Shanghai Docks 113 1/2 buy.

H.K. & S. Hotels 34 sel.

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HONG KONG'S POPPY DAY FUND.

SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

\$15,386 SENT TO LONDON.

The following report of the Poppy Day Sub-Committee has been received. The report states:—

The Poppy Day Sub-Committee of the British Legion (South China Branch) have pleasure in reporting that the gross proceeds of the "Drive" in aid of Earl Haig's Fund on 11th November last amount to the very satisfactory figure of \$16,017.43 plus a draft for \$287.55 received from Chefoo. This is nearly \$4,000 more than was collected last year.

Owing to some misunderstanding no supply of poppies or of advertising material were received from the Headquarters of the Fund in London, as in former years, and arrangements had therefore to be made locally. Organisation expenses amounted to \$880.61, leaving a balance for remittance to London of \$15,026.82. Through the courtesy of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation a special rate of exchange has been granted for this remittance, in view of the fall in the value of the dollar.

Large Increase Over Last Year.

A comparison with last year's figures shows a very large increase in the donations to the Fund, which is due to the generous response of members of the community, both Chinese and foreign, to a circular appeal issued before Remembrance Day. Church collections, on the other hand, amount to less than half of the amount received last year.

The football match organised by the Hong Kong Football Association produced the remarkable figure of \$1,201, which represents the gross takings, the Association generously paying the expenses itself. An auction of original posters by local artists which was conducted in the Hong Kong Club produced the exceptional figure of \$1,461.

It was unfortunate that a number of ships of the Navy were at sea on November 11th and did not receive their consignments of poppies until after that date, the Navy's contribution being reduced in consequence. The Army's contribution is about \$300 more than that of last year.

An innovation was made this year in securing the assistance of a number of Chinese lady collectors, and these helped materially to swell the total of the street collections.

As regards the Outposts, valuable contributions were received from Chefoo, through Mr. Clayton, Swatow through Mr. A. M. Scott Morris and the British residents in Macao, through Mr. Lovelock.

Grateful Thanks.

Grateful thanks are due to the following:—
To H.E. the Governor for the lend set to the community by his published message, for his practical help in lending the launch "Stanley" for visiting ships in the

Harbour and for a donation; Mrs. G. D. R. Black for organising the arrangements for the lady sellers in Victoria, and to Mrs. F. J. Easterbrook for doing the same in Kowloon and to all the ladies who assisted them.

The British Legion, Hong Kong Jockey Club, Hong Kong Boxing Association, Hong Kong Baseball Association, Club Lusitano, Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd., Arts & Crafts, Ltd., Cafe Parisien and the Staff of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire and Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. for donations.

The Roman Catholic Churches and St. John's Cathedral for devoting offertories to the Fund.

The Hong Kong Football Association, Hong Kong Club, United Service Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club and Victoria Recreation Club for devoting proceeds of various entertainments to the Fund.

The large number of gentlemen who generously responded to the appeal circulated amongst the community before the 11th November.

The following gentlemen of the Chinese Community subscribed generously:—Messrs. Chan Pak Chun, Tsoi Kung Po, Chan Tung Shan, Ho Kam Tong, Ho Leung, Ho Ki, Chao Po Sien, Wang Kam Fuk, Mok Koon Sang, Mr. H. Lo, Lo Cheung Shin, Yan Con Sang, Ko Leung Hoo, Pang Kek Sui, Ma Chi Lung, Lo Chung Kue, Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Ho Lu, Ma Tsui Chiu, Leung Yan Po.

Rear-Admiral A. J. B. Stirling, C.B. and the Commanding Officers of H.M. Ships and Naval Establishments who granted assistance in the sale of Poppies.

The G.O.C. South China Command for granting permission for the sale of Poppies amongst the troops, and Captain Bridgland, D.F.C. for organising the sale.

The Commanding Officer and Officers of the 2nd Bn. K.O.S.B. for allowing their Pipe-band to play at the Charity Football Match.

The British American Tobacco Co. for assistance in advertising.

Messrs. Stan Hill, R. S. W. Paterson, A. W. Graham Brown and J. E. Hancock for drawing posters.

Mr. W. H. Perry for granting the use of the Kowloon Hotel as a depot.

Mr. Ho Wing for furnishing shroffs for the checking of collections.

The Hong Kong Tramways Ltd. for granting free advertising space in connection with the Charity Football Match.

Mr. W. K. Reynolds for accommodation in the City Hall as a store room and depot.

Ye Olde Printerie for reduced printing charges.

All those who rendered such good assistance to the cause and whose services may not have been acknowledged above.

POPPY DAY FUND 1926. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

Receipts.	Payments.
Donations:	Poppies and boxes \$584.50
(a) Clubs, Associations and Firms:	Collecting Boxes 26.00
Hong Kong Boxing Association 8100	Printing, Stationery and Advertising 64.00
Hong Kong Jockey Club 1,000	Postages and Posties 21.11
Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd. 100	Clerical Assistance 25.00
Hong Kong Baseball Association 25	
W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd. 50	
Arts & Crafts, Ltd. 50	
British Legion 100	
Club Lusitano 140	
Butterfield & Swire Staff 93	
H.K. & W. Dock Staff 55	
Cafe Parisien 1,967	
(b) Individuals 1,967	
Church Collections:	
R. C. Churches 1,176.87	
St. John's Cathedral 147.23	
	324.10
Sale of Poppies:	
(1) Streets: Hongkong \$4,118.34	
Kowloon 1,742.48	
	5,860.82
(2) Navy 294.69	
(3) Army 522.00	
(4) Hotels and Clubs:	
Hong Kong Hotel \$100.00	
Repulse Bay 77.30	
Palace Hotel 17.50	
Cafe Parisien 32.69	
Easma Club 30.00	
Kowloon Dock R.C. 165.23	
Civil Service C.C. 206.07	
R.H.K. Golf Club 25.50	
Club Lusitano 17.55	
	692.69 \$7,670.49
Proceeds of Entertainments:	
H.K. Football Association: Match U.S.R. Club: Tennis, etc. 1,201.00	
Hong Kong Club: Auction V.R. Club: Dance 1,461.00	
Kowloon Cricket Club: Auction 360.00	
	3,022.50
Outposts:	
Swatow (per A. M. Scott Morris) 539.34	
Macao (per J. Lovelock) 71.00	
	610.34
Total	\$16,067.43
Balance to remit to London	\$15,386.82
	\$16,067.43

THE SIXTH REMAND.

INDIAN HELD FOR PUNJAB POLICE.

Diwan Mengal Sen, who was arrested on a warrant issued by the Punjab Police Authorities on charges of forgery and criminal breach of trust, appeared for the sixth time, on remand, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Sergt. Elston asked for a further remand. A telegram had been sent to India for instructions and pending the reply, which was expected by Monday, the Police were asking for the accused to be again remanded.

His Worship said that he was not supposed to hold the man time after time, just because the instructions had not been received from India, but he would again remand the accused in custody until Jan. 3rd.

PAWN-BROKER FOOLED.

ACCEPTS GILDED ORNAMENT FOR GOLD.

In the belief that the pledge offered was of sterling gold, a pawnbroker at West Point lent a sum over the actual value of a gold-filled hair-press to a Chinese. Attempting the same trick again with a hair-press, the man was recognised by the pawnbroker, who sent for a police-constable and placed the trickster under arrest. Defendant appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday morning at the Central Magistracy, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. It was stated that the defendant had obtained \$6 on the first occasion. The ornament was subsequently tested by the pawnbroker, and was discovered to be only gilded.

The Magistrate convicted the defendant on the two charges and sentenced him to four weeks' hard labour on each count, the sentences to run consecutively.

ANTI-COMMUNIST MEASURES IN MANCHURIA.

CONTROL OF TEACHERS AND PRESS.

At the recent military conference at Tientsin of the Northern military leaders the question of dealing with Communist propaganda received considerable attention and stringent measures can be expected to be brought into force shortly.

In connection with this a conference of the chief police officials was called together by Cheng, the Governor of Kiren. At this conference mention was made of the growing Communist propaganda in schools and it was decided henceforth that the police must be supplied with detailed information as to the number of their teachers, their political creeds, etc., and forward such data to the Governor's Administration Office.

In addition, the following general regulations for the prevention of communistic propaganda in the Three Eastern Provinces have been worked out:—

- (1)—To establish a strict control over all printing establishments in order to prevent the printing of pamphlets, proclamations, etc.
- (2)—To establish a control over all bookstores and to prohibit sale of any literature having a Communist character.
- (3)—To establish, if necessary, censorship of postal matters.
- (4)—To establish a stricter control over persons living at hotels and also of those arriving in and leaving the country.
- (5)—To punish severely and deport all persons found guilty of Communist propaganda.

ENGLISH YACHTING BOOM.

DESIGNERS BUSY FOR NEXT SEASON.

English yachting enthusiasts confidently express the opinion that the revival for which they have been waiting for so long shows signs of arriving.

"The war played havoc with yachting," remarked one authority recently, "and it was not really until last year that the recovery came. All the indications now are that 1927 will show activities greater than any for the past 13 years."

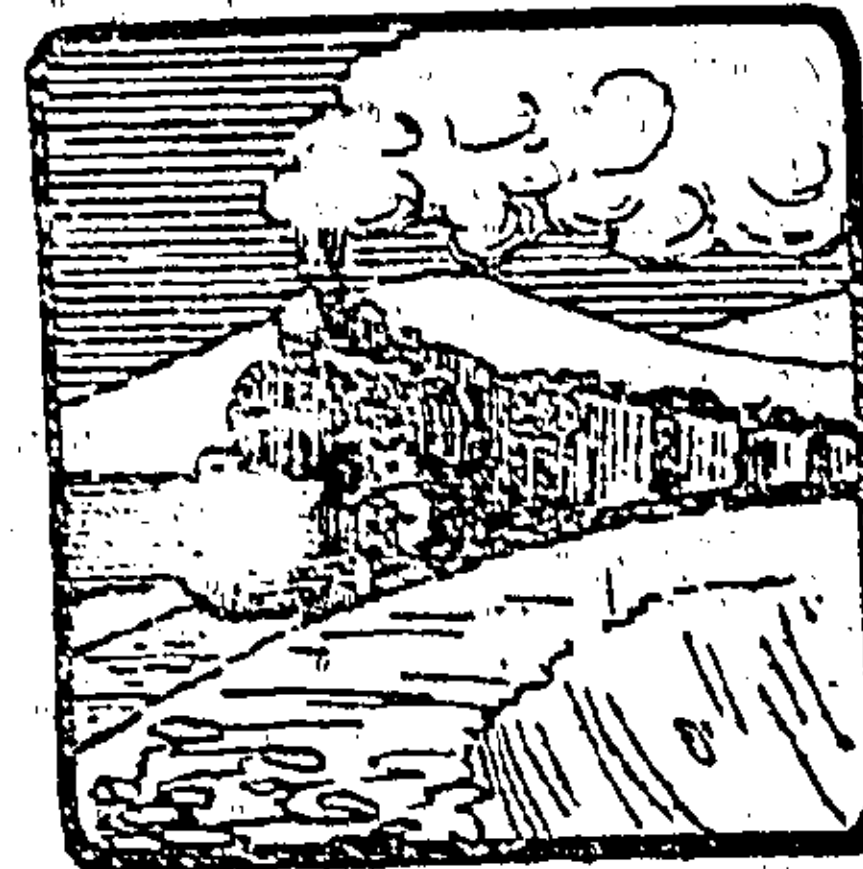
"Yacht designers all round the coast of England have the same story to tell of orders received in respect of the new season. Among other famous yachtsmen who will be seen with a new boat is Sir William Burton, who is well-known as the helmsman of Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock. Sir William has ordered a new 12-metre from Mr. Charles Nicholson, who designed the last Shamrock that was taken to America."

The motor-engined yacht in its various forms is becoming more popular.

"Last year was the best we had had since the war," said a representative of Saunders, of Cowes, "and there is a very good outlook for 1927. Amateurs have not been so keen on yachting for a long time as they are now, and their numbers are increasing."

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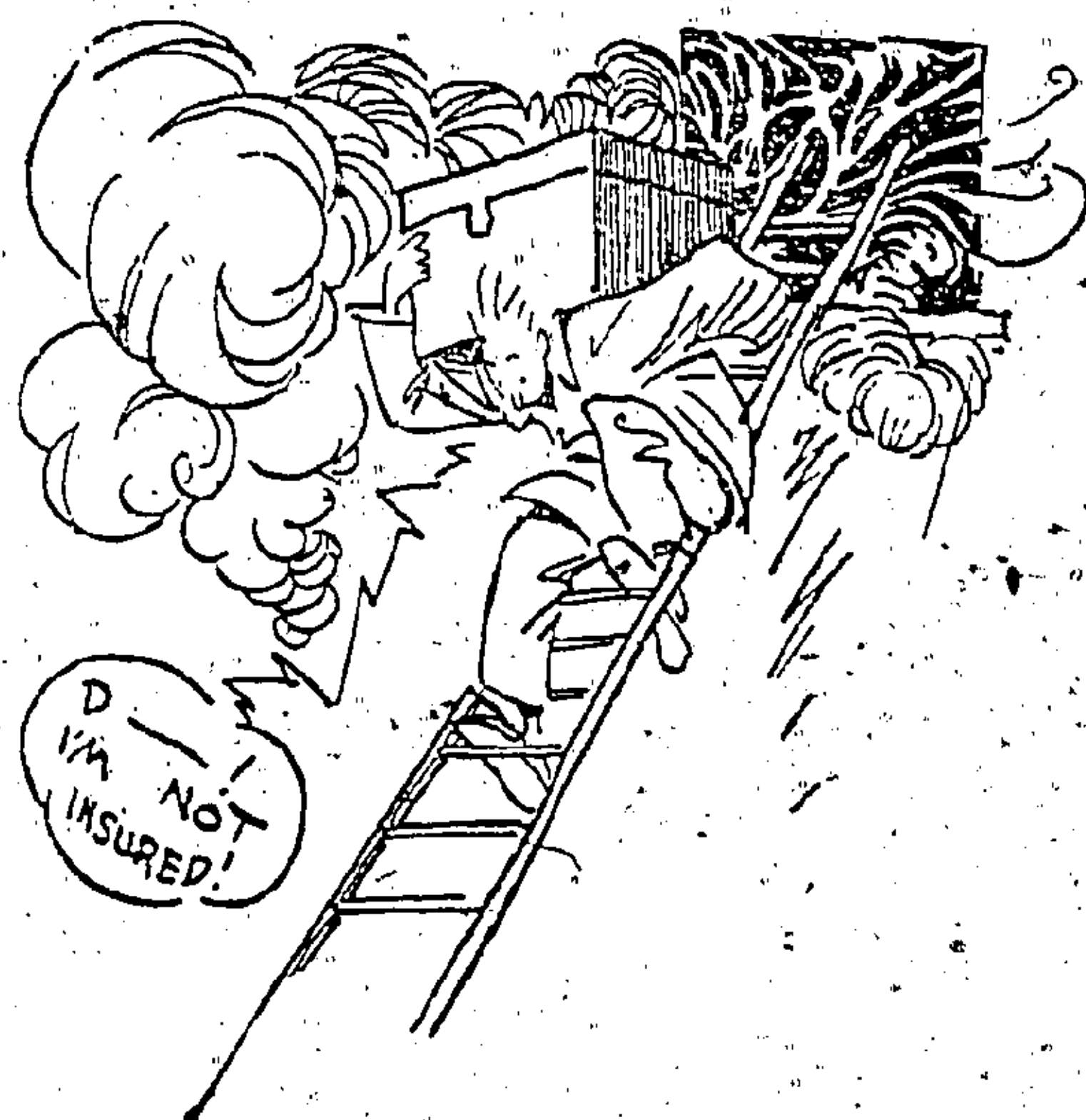
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CONVENTION.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

January 1st to January 3rd inclusive will be a general holiday in Canton. In addition to the celebration of the successes in Central China, the Kuomintang local headquarters will hold a reception for the delegates coming to Canton to attend the second provincial convention.

Shops in Canton failing to display the Red flag in honour of the success of the Northern expedition on January 1st will be fined \$5 each according to a recent order issued by the Police.

All flags over public buildings in Canton were at half-mast on December 28th out of respect to the late Emperor of Japan.

Hardships of the Poor.

The issue by public organisations of literature describing the inconvenience caused by strikes has failed to achieve its object owing to the illiteracy of the workers who hold the power. In Kowloon, therefore, another plan has been adopted. Poor women are being persuaded to sob out their sad plight to the august leaders of the Communist party. In Kowloon and other cities it is a common practice for the poor to pawn their winter clothing in the summer time and their summer clothes in winter. The long suspension of the pawnshop business in Kowloon has prevented these poor people from redeeming their winter clothes and the result has been considerable hardship.

Railways.

The Sunning railway is recovering from the recent labour disputes and will be able early in January to resume full service. Trains on this line meet incoming Hong Kong steamers at Pakkai, Kowloon, every morning.

Employees of the Canton-Samshui railway, whose wages have not been increased since last summer, are asking for the usual periodical advance, and are threatening to strike again unless their demands are complied with.

Buses.

By prohibiting vehicles weighing more than three tons on Canton streets, the Municipality is virtually driving the Kwangtung Tramway Company who operate a system of buses out of business. The Company, through Mr. Peter Hing, their manager, is making a vigorous protest against the new regulations.

Owners of motor-bus in Swatow, some of whose cars were damaged several weeks ago by ricksha coolies, have appealed to Canton Kuomintang for an injunction against further interference with their service and for an order to compel the coolies to make good the damage done.

KOWLOON CITY TRAGEDY.

ACCUSED REMAINED IN
CUSTODY.

Ip Sui Po, charged with the murder of the care-taker of the Shek Zing Club, at No. 18, Cheong On Street, Kowloon City, appeared on remand yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth. Mr. White-Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

The accused is alleged to have murdered the care-taker on November 16th, by hacking him with a chopper. The deceased was found under the bed with his throat cut.

After further evidences had been taken, the accused was again remanded in custody.

A Chinese millionaire patron of English art is rare, but one has been discovered in the person of Eui Tong Sen, of Singapore, who has given a commission for five pictures to Mr. J. H. Ambrose. His house, it is said, contains over £100,000 worth of furniture bought in London during the past two years.

LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL.EXTENSION OF HARBOUR
BOUNDARIES.
THE GOVERNOR WISHES THE
WHOLE COLONY A PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon. There were present:—

H.E. The Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.).

H.E. The G.O.C. (Major-General C.C. LEARD, C.B., C.M.G.).

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. SOUTHORN).

The Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP, C.B.E.).

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. MESSER, O.B.E.).

The Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. H. T. CURRY).

Hon. Mr. E. R. HALLIFAX, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. WOLFE (Captain Superintendent of Police).

Hon. Mr. A. O. LANG.

Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTHEWALL.

Hon. Mr. H. W. BIRD.

Hon. Mr. D. G. M. BERNARD.

Mr. D. W. TRITMAN (Clerk of Councils).

Finance Committee.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid upon the table reports of the Finance Committee Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13 and moved that they be adopted.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and this was agreed to.

Interpretation Ordinance.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911. He said: This Bill will make three amendments in the Interpretation Ordinance. The first is a technical one and is explained in the Objects and Reasons. It is not of very great interest or of any great importance. The second amendment is dealt with by clause 2 of the Bill. The effect of that amendment will be to enable the duties of the Clerk of the Executive Council and Clerk of the Legislative Council to be separated. The object is to relieve the Assistant Colonial Secretary of a certain amount of pressure on his time owing to the great pressure of work in that office. The intention is that he should continue to act as Clerk of the Executive Council and a deputy clerk be appointed to act as clerk to the Legislative Council. The third amendment outlined in clause 4 of the Bill deals with the definition of the limits of the harbour of Victoria. The present limits are rather artificial. On the east side, speaking roughly the boundary is a line drawn from North Point to Kowloon City. On the West the harbour does not include that part of its area between Stonecutters Island and the mainland. These limits may have been the natural limits at one time but the Colony and the harbour have grown and it seems clear now that the natural limit of the harbour on the East side should be Lyemum Pass. It also seems natural to include in the harbour that area of water between Stonecutters Island and the mainland. In addition to this general reason for extending the harbour limits there is one very practical and particular reason. The Harbour Master has had in typhoon weather, and in preparation for a typhoon, to give instruction to merchant ships in the harbour to do certain things such as raising steam so as to mitigate the risk of damage when the typhoon comes. These powers apply only to the harbour of Victoria. They apply, of course, to any port in the Colony but for this purpose they apply only to the harbour of Victoria which is one of the Ports. The Harbour Master has no power to give these instructions to ships lying outside the harbour boundaries, and such ships may, as far as the law is concerned, with impunity neglect necessary precautions and, as has happened, may drag their anchors and drift down to cause serious damage to ships in harbour which have taken the

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SUMMARY COURT.

JUDGMENT GIVEN IN WAGE
CLAIM CASE.MR. O'BRIEN SUCCEEDS
AGAINST WALLER & CO.

At the Summary Court, yesterday morning, judgment was given in the case in which Mr. J. H. O'Brien, of the Advertising and Publicity Bureau, claimed \$500 from A. G. Waller & Co., of the Bank of Canton Building, with whom he had previously been employed.

Mr. Justice Wood gave judgment with costs in favour of the plaintiff. The plaintiff's case was that the money was for extra accountancy work done after he had been dismissed from the defendant firm through trade depression, and the defendants contended that the plaintiff was engaged as an accountant, and the books should have been made up when he left.

Mr. Remedios was for the plaintiff and Mr. Gordon Leask for the defendant.

BATTERY AND GENERATOR
STOLEN.MOTOR MECHANIC GETS SIX
WEEKS.

Six weeks' hard labour was meted out to a Chinese charged with the theft of a battery and a generator, which he removed from a motor-cycle belonging to Mr. Souza of 30, Granville Road, Kowloon.

The case was heard at the Kowloon Magistracy, before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, yesterday morning. Mr. Souza said he left his car at the Kowloon Ferry Pier, on Thursday, and on his return, he found the battery and generator had been stolen.

He made a report to the Police, which culminated in the arrest of the Chinese. The defendant is a motor mechanic.

precautions prescribed. If this section is passed the power of the Harbour Master in that respect will extend as far as Lyemum. It also gives him certain additional powers over junks, lighters, cargo boats and small craft. I would point out, moreover, that the amendment, as indicated in the Objects and Reasons will have two further general effects on shipping approaching the harbour. One is that when this Bill becomes law any ship approaching the harbour which is flying the Quarantine flag will not be allowed to enter Lyemum Pass between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. At present such ships can enter so long as they do not cross the line drawn from North Point to Kowloon City. In future they will have to anchor outside of Lyemum, arriving here between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. The other general effect is that vessels entering the harbour through Lyemum Pass—that is vessels exceeding 60 tons—will have to reduce their speed to nine knots on entering the Pass. These are the general effects which will flow from the extension of the harbour limits.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

Promissory Oaths Ordinance.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1909. He said: This Bill is a purely technical Bill. Clause 2 makes two technical amendments which are necessary owing to the fact that it is now proposed to appoint a Deputy Clerk of Councils. Clause 3 makes another technical amendment which is rendered necessary by the fact that the Magistrates Amendment Ordinance of this year provided for two marine magistrates instead of one as formerly.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: This is the last meeting of 1926 and I desire to thank all members of this Council very cordially for the valuable assistance they have given me throughout a difficult and anxious year. I wish all members of this Council and, through them, the whole Colony every happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Council then adjourned sine die.

"SUNNING" PIRACY
DEVELOPMENTS.FIVE MORE MEN
DISCHARGED.BAIL ALLOWED TO No. 6
ACCUSED.ANOTHER RELEASE
EXPECTED.

The Sunning piracy case has now been called at the Central Magistracy on eighteen days, and when yesterday's hearing was concluded over fifty witnesses had given evidence for the Crown.

There were interesting developments at yesterday's hearing. Five of the accused were discharged; another man will be released from custody when he appears before the Court on Monday and No. 6 accused, who comes from Aberdeen, has now been granted bail following the application of his solicitor, Mr. M. K. Lo.

This reduces the original number of 20 prisoners to 11.

One of the witnesses was the assistant manager of the Chinese Telegraph Administration Office, Tientsin, who was a passenger on the Sunning when the pirates attacked the officers on the bridge. While in his cabin he heard a scuffle, which was followed by shots. Armed men came in and demanded money from him, and witness gave them ten dollars. One man took a pair of spectacles from his pocket, but after trying them on returned them with the remark that they did not suit him (the pirate).

Feigned Death.

Some time later while witness was in the dining room he was ordered to return to his cabin and open his boxes. He did so and later he was amongst the passengers who were forced up to the upper deck. While going up he threw himself on the deck as if he had been shot, and when the pirates had passed he returned to his cabin. He then noticed smoke and found the ship was on fire. He made an attempt to reach the main deck but could not reach it owing to the fusillade of shots. Going back to his cabin he put his head out of the porthole so that he could breathe freely. While looking out he saw a boat cut off from the stern of the Sunning and later six or seven men jumped overboard from amidships. They had with them pieces of wood to keep them afloat.

After he had called out "Save Life" a member of the crew lowered a rope and he got through the porthole, and climbed up the rope to the deck above.

He believed that at one time he saw the 20th accused in the saloon when the man said "We are only robbing the rich to relieve the poor."

The evidence given by another Chinese passenger was to the effect that he saw a ticket seller throw himself overboard, after placing a lifebuoy round his body.

Most of yesterday's hearing was devoted to the evidence of police officers and interpreters. The last named gave evidence of the statements made by various defendants when charged.

"Face to the English."

The statement of No. 20 accused included the words "We have admitted the piracy for the sake of giving face to the English. If we had not given face to the English we should not have been here."

Replying to Mr. Lindsell, Mr. H. E. Holmes (the Crown Solicitor) who is prosecuting, said there was no further evidence against Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 16 accused.

Mr. Lindsell said that he found no *prima facie* case against these men, and added that in view of the length of the proceedings he thought it only fair to discharge them then.

No. 12 accused was not in Court, but the other five men mentioned were discharged. No. 19 will appear before Mr. Lindsell on Monday morning and be released.

Sergt. Kelley said that when he searched No. 29 accused he found money in his right shoe and also in a pocket in a fur coat he was wearing. Witness also found two gold rings, a wrist watch and two gold bangles.

Bail Granted.

Mr. Lo renewed his application for bail for No. 6 accused. Mr. Lo said this man was engaged in a gravestone business, and his business was suffering. This man was anxious to be available to face the charge against him, and also to have some time to look after his own business. Mr. Lo added that any number of Chinese detectives could be attached to him if he was given his liberty.

Mr. Holmes said he had no objection to bail being given.

Mr. Lindsell fixed bail at \$5,000 cash, and \$10,000 in securities.

Mr. Lo: Could your Worship make it any less?

Mr. Lindsell: I don't think this is exorbitant bail in the circumstances.

At this stage the further hearing of the case was adjourned until Tuesday.

ENTER 1927.

CARNIVALS, DANCES AND
SPORTS.THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
WEEK-END.

With revelry in some places, and solemn Watch-Night services at the various churches in the Colony, the year 1927 of the Christian era, was ushered out and 1927 was heralded in. Everyone is hoping that the New Year will prove a more prosperous one in the commercial life of the Colony, and a happy one for all.

At the Union Church Hall, Kennedy Road, last evening there was a New Year's Eve Social, which was followed at 11.15 by a watch-night service, which was well attended. A similar service was held at St. Peter's Church, West Point, and also at other places of worship both at Hong Kong and Kowloon.

The Hong Kong and Repulse Bay Hotels were as usual centres of revelry and fun, and the usual gaiety marked these annual New Year's Eve Carnivals.

Both Hotels were crowded, and many would be patrons had to be refused bookings, all the tables having been taken a fortnight ago. The decorations at the Hong Kong Hotel were the same as previously described this week in connection with the Boxing Day event. There were well over 200 guests at the Roof Garden, and following dinner at 8 p.m., came the very successful carnival.

At midnight the usual strings of "jazz" crackers were fired off. At Repulse Bay Hotel there were between 400 and 500 attending the dinner and Carnival dance there. The ball room was attractively decorated, and the lighting effects considerably enhanced the attractiveness of the scene.

At both Hotels, the music was supplied by the Hong Kong Hotel orchestras.

Late Peak trams and motor coaches were run.

A similarly successful function was held at the King Edward Hotel, and was largely attended, while at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant there another New Year's Eve Carnival. At Kowloon there was a dinner dance at the Kowloon Hotel.

Craigengower Cricket Club also held their usual New Year dance and very successful it was.

Other Holiday Events.

During the three days' holiday a number of sporting events will be decided. To-day there will be three football matches, one in the morning at Kowloon, and two in the afternoon in Division I of the League. The cricket match on the H.K.C.C. ground between the Club and the Navy opens and this game will be concluded on Monday. Incidentally it ends the annual triangular tournament between the Club, Navy and Army. There is a race for non-winning ponies at Happy Valley this morning at eleven o'clock, and also some yachting to-day, of which particulars will be found elsewhere. The Fanling Hunt meet at 2.30 p.m. at Souza's Bungalow; and there is a Lawn Bowls match, between St. Andrew's and St. George's at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Both the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Police Recreation Club entertain their members children to sports and a Christmas Tree. There will be a Carnival dance at the new Hotel Savoy to-night. There will also be a special New Year's Golf programme at Fanling, particulars of which have already been published. This programme will continue up to and including Monday.

The Fanling Hunt meet again to-morrow, and on Monday there will be more cricket.

CHINESE NEW YEAR
PROGRAMME.

SEAMEN'S UNION "AT HOME."

MUSIC AND REFRESHMENTS.

The Hong Kong Chinese community have a varied programme for the New Year.

The Ching Shing Chi Shin Sha, a social organization doing considerable charitable work for the Chinese of Hong Kong, will begin a series of concerts to-day. Miss Chi Lo 'Lan, the popular 12-year-old singer and dancer from Canton, will appear under the auspices of this Society at the Kowloon Theatre. A large attendance is expected.

The Ching Woo Athletic Association, which specialises in the ancient Chinese science of physical culture and classical music, is giving exhibitions this evening and to-morrow evening at its headquarters at Arbutnot Road.

The Chinese Seamen's Union in Des Vaux Road, not having been very active socially during the boycott and strike, will be at home to their members and friends at five o'clock this afternoon. Oriental and Occidental music will be rendered in connection with the function.

A football match between the South China and the Chinese Amateur Athletic Association will be played at four o'clock in the afternoon on the Sookanpoo ground. This will undoubtedly draw a big crowd of Chinese.

All large Chinese business firms will close in honour of the New Year, but the small shops will open as usual.

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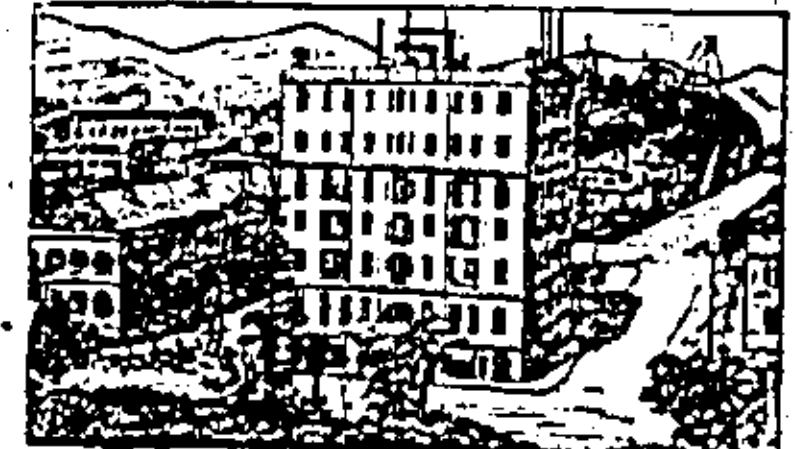
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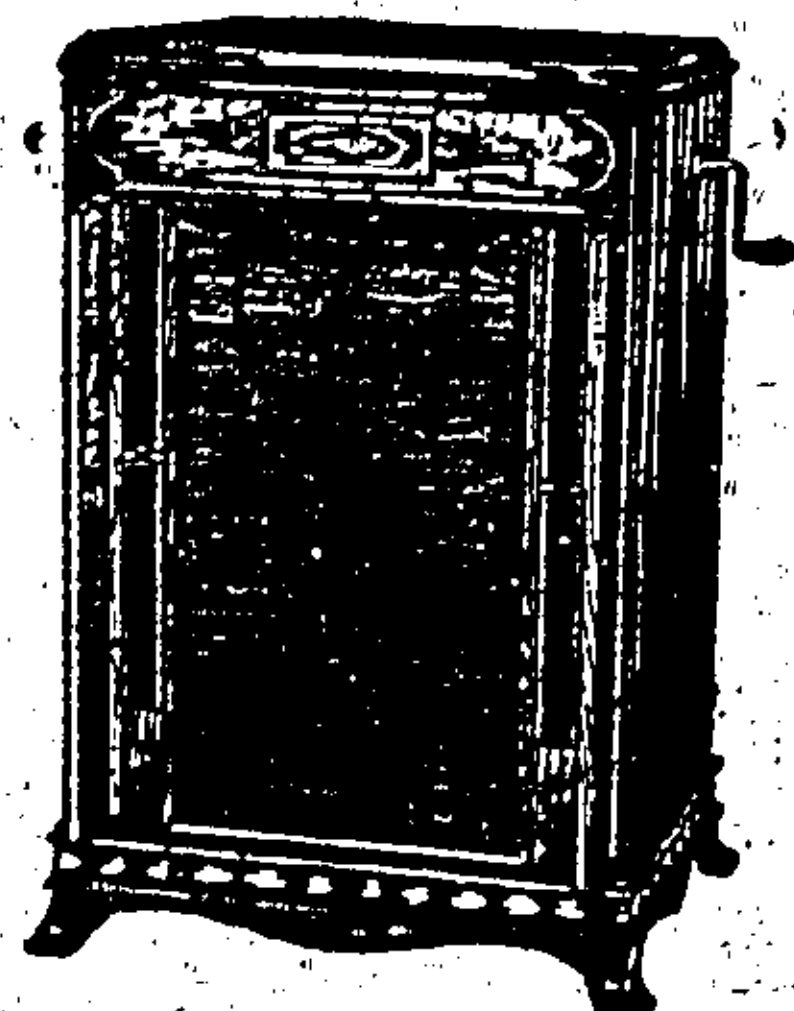
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

WE HAVE TO-DAY Admitted Mr. MICHAEL HOWARD TURNER as a Partner in Our Firm.

DEACONS.

Hong Kong, 1st January, 1927. [4375]

NOTICE.

WE HAVE Authorized Mr. J. H. JESSEN, J.A., to Sign Our Firm Per Procuration as from THIS DATE on.

JESSEN & CO.

Hong Kong, 1st of January, 1927. [4374]

NOTICE.

WE HAVE THIS DAY Admitted Mr. ALFRED BALLARD, Chartered Accountant, as a Partner in Our Firm. Mr. BALLARD, who has acted as Joint Manager of our London Office for some years, will in future be in charge in London.

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS

Chartered Accountants. [4373]

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that as from the First Day of JANUARY, 1927, Mr. W. T. STANTON will join me in Partnership in the Business of a Merchant, Commission Agent and Broker in Flour which has hitherto been carried on by me alone under the Name of "L. DUNBAR." The Business will in future be carried on by us under the Name of "L. DUNBAR & CO."

Dated December 31st, 1926.

[4377] L. DUNBAR.

BERBLINGER & COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as on and from the 31st day of DECEMBER, 1926, the Partnership between A. BERBLINGER and F. FELD who heretofore carried on Business at Canton and Hong Kong as Engineers, Contractors and General Merchants under the Style of BERBLINGER & CO. has been DISSOLVED by Mutual Agreement and that the Assets and Liabilities of the aforesaid Business have been assigned to F. FELD who will continue to carry on the said Business at the same Places as heretofore as Sole Owner under the Style or Name of "F. FELD" and also under the former Chinese Name of BO HO YUNG HANG.

BERBLINGER & CO.

F. FELD.

Canton, 1st January, 1927. [4376]

HONG KONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

FOURTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

SATURDAY, 5th JANUARY.

AT 9.15 P.M. AT THE

THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENTS:

STOKER NORMAN MORRIS (H.M.S. Hermes)

A.B. BROMLEY (H.M.S. Wiltshire)

BOOKING AT MOUTRIES:—

MEMBERS:—5th & 6th JANUARY.

GENERAL PUBLIC:—7th & 8th JANUARY.

USUAL PRICES. [4379]

BANK HOLIDAY.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the TRANSACTION of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 3rd of JANUARY, 1927. [4368]

STEWARTS AND LLOYDS, LTD.

WE Beg to Announce that We Have Appointed BRUNNFR, MOND & CO. (CHINA), LTD. as our AGENTS in CHINA as from 1st JANUARY, 1927.

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WE Beg to Announce that We Have Appointed AGENTS in CHINA for STEWARTS AND LLOYDS, LIMITED, Glasgow, as from 1st JANUARY, 1927, and are now in a Position to deal with all Enquiries in connection with their Business, and carry Large Stocks throughout CHINA.

BRUNNFR, MOND & CO. (CHINA), LTD. [4361]

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 1927, until FURTHER NOTICE.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hong Kong, December 22nd, 1926. [4344]

LOST One Half Carat Unmounted DIAMOND about MIDDAY, 27th DECEMBER. Reward Offered. Finder please communicate with Box No. 4364, c/o Hong Kong Daily Press. [4364]

INTIMATIONS.

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING COMPANY, LTD.

FIRST MORTGAGE DEBENTURES (KAILAN BONDS).

FOURTEENTH DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in conformity with the conditions endorsed upon the Debentures, the undermentioned numbers of Debentures of the total value of £21,000 were drawn on the Third day of NOVEMBER, 1926, at the day of NOVEMBER, 1926, at the Office of the Company, No. 22, Austin Friars, in the City of London, in the presence of WALTER EDWARDS TURNER, one of the Directors, ALFRED WILLIAM BERRY, Secretary of the Company, and JOHN WILLIAM PETER JACRALDE, J.R., Great Winchester Street, London, E.C.2, Notary Public.

The said Debentures will be paid off at Par on the 31st DECEMBER, 1926, at either of the following places:—

IN LONDON: At the Transfer Office of the Company, No. 22, London Wall Buildings, E.C.2.

IN BRUSSELS: At the Office of the Local Bank, 13, rue Brédère, Brussels.

IN CHINA: At the General Offices of the Company, Tientsin.

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THE INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO, LIMITED, MACAO.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the INAUGURAL RACE MEETING FOR CHINA PONIES of This Club will take place at MACAO on the 6th FEBRUARY, 1927, if Weather Permits. There will be Only One Event at This Meeting, "THE TRIAL STAKES."

The FIRST ANNUAL SPRING MEETING FOR CHINA PONIES is Scheduled to take place on the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th APRIL, 1927. The CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKE will be Run on the 18th APRIL, the 3rd Day of the Meeting.

By Order,

S. W. CHENG, Secretary. [4320]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Certificate No. 5/NS 4832 dated HONGKONG, 2nd OCTOBER, 1917, for One Share of this Bank Numbered 54097 in the Name of Mr. LO KWONG HIN has been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 9th JANUARY, 1927, a New Certificate for the Shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 5/NS 4832 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager. [4321]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Certificate No. 5/NS 4760 dated HONGKONG, 31st AUGUST, 1917, for Three Shares of this Bank Numbered 54038, 54039 and 54040 in the Name of LO KWONG LUM has been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 9th JANUARY, 1927, a New Certificate for the Shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 5/NS 4760 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager. [4322]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Certified Transfer Deed for One Share of this Bank Numbered 54038 in the Name of Mr. ANTHONY HENRY CARROLL stated to have been completed by Mrs. E. M. STAPLETON has been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certified Transfer Deed not be produced before the 9th JANUARY, 1927, a New Certified Transfer Deed will be issued, and the aforesaid Missing Certified Transfer Deed will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

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MIXED COURTS OF SHANGHAI.

CHINESE TO TAKE OVER ONE TO-DAY.

ANOTHER ON JANUARY 5TH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, December 31st.

Officially the arrangements are completed between the Sino-Foreign authorities for the rendition of the Mixed Court, and will be made effective from to-morrow. A similar action, having due regard to the difference of status between the two Courts, will be taken with respect to the French Mixed Court as from January 5th.

It is understood that the seal of the Mixed Court will be handed over to-morrow morning when the Shanghai Provisional Chinese Court formally replaces the International Mixed Court.

HANKOW HOUSE BOYS.

WHAT THEIR NEW UNION "DEMANDS."

PRESENTED TO THE BRITISH CONSUL-GENERAL.

HANKOW, December 30th.

The Hankow Servants' Union has presented to the British Consul General the "demands" mentioned on the 19th instant, and these are now under the consideration of the authorities.

The following are the "demands," which have already appeared in the *Hong Kong Daily Press*:

First:—Members cannot be dismissed or in any way oppressed. Should employers have cause for complaint they must inform the Union, who shall deal with the matter.

Second:—Wages must be increased yearly and a month's wages given at Chinese New Year.

Third:—The Union shall superintend members' behaviour, and that Union inspectors shall visit discretionally premises in which members are employed.

Fourth:—Employers must provide medical attention, with the exception of that for venereal disease.

Fifth:—Three weeks' holiday must be given yearly or a month's pay instead.

Sixth:—Vacancies as they occur must be filled by the Union.

A limit of seven days is given for neediness to the demands.

The increases demanded range from about 10 per cent. in the case of highly paid men to 100 per cent. for the lowly paid men.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

EMPIRE AIR LINERS.

AIR MINISTER MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

LONDON, December 30th.

A message from Benghazi (Libya) says that Sir Samuel and Lady Hoare, who are flying to India in one of the new Empire air liners, have arrived there safely.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

A "Royal" Escort.

RUBRY, December 31st.

For the first 100 miles of the 230 miles flight across the Mediterranean, the aeroplane was escorted by Royal Air Force machines.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

BRITAIN'S UNEMPLOYED.

MORE SATISFACTORY RETURNS.

RUBRY, December 30th.

The latest return of unemployed, completed up to December 20th, indicates that the country is rapidly recovering from the effects of the coal stoppage. The total number of unemployed was 1,300,700, which was 100,078 less than the week previous. It was 207,300 more than a year ago.

AMERICA'S ALCOHOL.

DEATHS CAUSED "WHOLE-SALE."

SUBJECT LIKELY TO CAUSE POLITICAL STORM.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31st.

The wholesale deaths, due to denatured alcohol, threaten to produce a storm on the re-assembly of Congress on January 3rd. Already one Senator has intimated his intention to introduce a Bill to prohibit the denaturing of industrial alcohol. Hitherto, industrial alcohol was statutorily adulterated with two per cent. of wood alcohol. This proportion has been doubled in the new Treasury formula coming into operation on January 1st. The Government chemists claim that the new formula is non-poisonous; but Dr. Murray Butler describes it as poisoning industrial liquor and "unadulterated murder by a paternal Government."

On the contrary, Mr. Mayne Wheeler, General Counsel of the anti-Saloon League, absolves the Government from responsibility, and says that such deaths are "deliberate suicide."

Mr. Mellon, to-night, announces that the Government has decided to eliminate the use of certain poisonous substances from the Government's denaturing formula but to adhere to the stipulation for its use with regard to wood alcohol.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ELECTRICAL POWER.

BRITAIN'S GIGANTIC PROJECT.

BIG ORDERS REPORTED.

RUBRY, December 30th.

The Government's big new electricity scheme, which was one of the most important measures passed by Parliament during the last session, comes into force on January 1st.

Colonel Wilfrid Ashley, Minister of Transport, is now completing his task of selecting the Central Board which will be responsible for working the scheme. This Board will consist of a Chairman and seven other members, and the selection of suitable men, who have no financial interest in electricity undertakings, has proved difficult. It is understood that the post of Chairman will carry a salary of £10,000 per annum.

A Linking Cable.

The first work to be undertaken will be the laying of a cable linking the electrical plants of London with nine other big centres. Ten new super-power stations are planned for various large towns, London leading the way with two costing £3,000,000 each.

Existing power-stations will be enlarged. Big water-power schemes for Wales and Scotland are projected.

More General Use.

Experts predict a great increase of the use of electricity, both for industrial and domestic purposes. Even during the last year, the domestic use is stated to have increased by thirty per cent. Scores of great factories are now being electrified and much of this development is attributed to the recent coal stoppage, industrialists seeking to make themselves as independent of coal as they can.

Big Orders.

Big orders for electrical equipment are also reported to be coming from many parts of the world. Experts estimate that next year the orders in the electrical industry will amount to £80,000,000, of which £20,000,000 will be for Home and £60,000,000 for export.

EXIT THE B.C.C.

CORPORATION TO TAKE OVER FOR TEN YEARS.

£800,000 ANNUALLY IN LICENSE FEES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUBRY, December 31st.

The British Broadcasting Co. which, for the past four years, has provided wireless programmes, for receiving which considerably more than two million stations, serving probably ten million people, are now licensed throughout Great Britain, will make its last transmissions to-night. To-morrow the whole organisation passes into the hands of a Corporation operating for ten years under Royal Charter. The Corporation's governors are appointed by the Crown and the Postmaster-General to whom license fees, totalling £800,000 annually, are payable, assumes parliamentary responsibility for the service.

Although no immediate change in the policy will be effected, important developments in the technical arrangements and in the improvement of programmes are in prospect under new conditions which will give greater independence and security to those responsible for the service.

The chief of these during the next year will be the establishment of high power regional stations offering alternative programmes to listeners.

BRITISH TRADE UNIONISM.

RAILWAY UNION "BADLY BATTERED."

RUINOUS STRIKE AND UNEMPLOYED BENEFIT.

RUBRY, December 30th.

The disastrous consequences of Trade Union policy in the year now closing are the keynote of a New Year message which Mr. J. H. Thomas, leader of the National Union of Railwaymen, issues to that organisation in the *Railway Review*.

Mr. Thomas declares even the National Union of Railwaymen, which he had often prided himself was "almost unbreakable," had only emerged from the ordeal of the general strike "badly battered." He adds:—"Although the events of 1926 may have hit you very hard, you are faced with a heavy joint responsibility to perform an important public service. This can only be executed satisfactorily by team work in which every grade galls its full weight in a real spirit of co-operation. Let us bend our energies to retrieve, as far as possible, what has been lost and to get back on to the road of progress."

To what extent the National Union of Railwaymen has suffered is shown by a statement made at its headquarters that £1,500,000 has been paid as strike and unemployed benefit during the last seven months. This has considerably depleted the Union's resources and consequently the Executive has decided to impose a levy of threepence per week on all members during the coming twelve months.

AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE.

WILLING TO BE GUIDED BY THE MOTHER LAND.

RUBRY, December 30th.

Mr. S. M. Bruce, the Australian Premier, in an interview in New York on his way home from the Imperial Conference, declared that Australia had no intention of appointing a Minister either in Washington or anywhere else at present. She would make such appointment only when the number of questions pending with any country made it desirable. Meanwhile, she enjoyed for nothing the advantages of Great Britain's world-wide diplomatic and consular services.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

JAPAN'S POLICY IN CHINA.

"CAUTIOUS," LIKE FRANCE.

PARIS, December 31st.

According to *Le Matin*, the Japanese Ambassador has stated to M. Briand that he adheres to France's cautious policy with regard to policy towards China.

ENGLAND'S LABOUR MOVEMENT.

HAS "NO USE" FOR A COLLEGE.

LADY WARWICK'S OFFER WITHDRAWN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, December 31st.

Owing to the failure of the Trade Union Congress to undertake to raise the necessary funds for its equipment, Lady Warwick, a prominent Socialist, has withdrawn her offer of Easton Lodge as a free gift to the Labour movement for use as a college. Easton Lodge is a large country residence in Essex, and, with its 900 acres of parkland, has belonged to Lady Warwick's family for generations.

NICARAGUA'S CIVIL WARFARE.

AN APPEAL TO SENATOR BORAH.

THE U.S. CENSORSHIP.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30th.

While the troops of the Liberal leader, Sacasa, continue to forge ahead in the interior of Nicaragua, threatening important strategic Conservative positions, officials of the State Department, in face of an avalanche of wide-flung protests and widely divergent opinions, maintain their declared policy of protecting American lives and property.

The newspapers are full of Nicaragua news and do not attempt to conceal the fact that the vital issue is whether the United States or Mexico is to be supreme in Central America.

A cable from governmental sources at Managua, accuses Mexico of actively assisting the Liberals by supplying arms and funds.

Meanwhile a representative of the Nicaraguan Liberals in Mexico has made the statement that Sacasa is virtually a prisoner in the hands of the American Admiral Latimer at Puerto Cabezas. Other messages, appealing for support for Sacasa, have been circulated throughout Latin America.

San Salvador's Appeal.

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 31st.

The newspapers have addressed an appeal to Senator Borah requesting him to urge the State Department to reconsider the recognition and administration of Diaz, which, they declare, is causing great injury to all Central America.

Censorship Removed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31st.

Admiral Latimer has informed the State Department that the censorship which was established at Puerto Cabezas and Rio Grande has been lifted. The object of the censorship was to maintain a neutrality zone to prevent the sending out of military instructions and information by either side.

THE ROYAL TOUR.

DAILY COMMUNICATION WITH LONDON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 30th.

In conformity with Admiralty practice for the past two years of using short-wave wireless to communicate with distant warships, whereby daily communication has been maintained with warships proceeding to and from the Far East H.M.S. *Renown* has been fitted with a standard Admiralty set.

It is hoped to maintain daily communication with London during the Duke and Duchess of York's trip to Australia and back, and the Admiralty appeals to short-wave amateurs not to attempt to call the *Renown*, as such calls will not be answered and will only cause interference.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

ATTITUDE OF CABLE COMPANIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, December 31st.

Referring to their statement issued recently, the three foreign Cable Companies inform Reuter of arrangements made to-day, whereby telegrams handed over by the Chinese Telegraph Administration to the Companies from the present will be paid for in cash and telegrams withheld from 5 p.m. on December 28th, will now be handed over by the Companies to their destination.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC.

A HUGE "RING" DISCOVERED.

RUM-RUNNERS INVOLVED.

MONTREAL, December 30th.

The biggest drug ring in North America, responsible for half the illicit drug traffic of the American Continent for many years, is what the Canadian Government's Narcotics Department claims to have discovered through official investigators impersonating a United States narcotics importer, thus securing the ring's confidence.

A mass of startling evidence has been secured showing that the drugs are brought to Canada through the Atlantic seaboard by rum-runners and others and distributed throughout the country concealed in other materials. Montreal is described as the biggest narcotics base in North America.

A number of arrests has been made and drugs valued at \$10,000 seized.

IN IRELAND.

MR. DEVLIN'S APPEAL FOR PEACE.

QUALITY OF COMPROMISE NEEDED.

MR. JOSEPH DEVLIN, M.P., was recently the guest of the Derry Rotary Club, and in an address he emphasised the necessity for a spirit of goodwill and understanding amongst the people of Ireland.

The Quality of Compromise.

What they lacked in Ireland was one of the things that made England great. That was the quality of compromise. Was there a single thing that had occurred within the last ten years that had not brought home to their minds how important it was for them to try and solve great problems without bitterness.

In the last few years they had three wars—the great European war, the civil war in Ireland, and the industrial war, now happily drawing to a close—and he challenged anyone to declare that without the destruction and ruin brought upon the human race by the first, without the evils, moral and financial and industrial, caused by the second, and without any of the consequences of the industrial conflict in England, they could not have found a more satisfactory solution of these things before the war than after it.

After the immense waste of money and destruction of human lives, when they came to the settlement of the war they found there was not a satisfied nation in Europe. The vanquished was almost as happy as the victor.

Take the Irish civil war. How far had they solved the problem in this country? And look at all the mischief that had been done. Whereas if a number of men of different political views, moved by an honest desire for the solution of them, had come together, he thought they would have, without bloodshed and without the destruction of so much they held dear, solved the problem.

They should drop violent political controversy. They should drop political issues and religious hatreds, and bury deep down the memory of past feuds and concentrate upon the things that counted, because political changes, forms of government did not count for much if the people were reduced to appalling conditions.

Before a people lived well they must live, and it was only in the recreation of their industries, with one long pull and a haul all together, that they could re-establish all that mattered in the industrial life of the community.

MOSCOW'S MISERABLE CHILDREN.

THIEVES AND DRUG VICTIMS AT TEN YEARS.

GANGS OF YOUNG CRIMINALS.

Swarms of homeless children who live by theft and do not stop at murder; drug and alcohol victims down to ten years of age, who pay as much as £2 10s. a day for cocaine; terrorised inmates of reformatories where maladministration and embezzlement reign—these are some of the revelations of child life in Russia made by Mr. C. J. Ketchum, the *Daily Express* special correspondent in Moscow.

Efforts are being made by the Soviet authorities to deal with the serious situation which has arisen.

SOVIET CORRUPTION AND VICE.

Soviet Russia's thousands of homeless children—ragamuffins, beggars, thieves, alcoholics, and narcotics addicts—are becoming a grave menace to the life of the country.

They are the product of the war, the revolution, and the famine. They roam the principal cities, indulging in every conceivable vice. They live in swarms, almost like rats, in alleyways, in old unused buildings, barns, backyards, and, in the cold winter months, if they have not emigrated with the birds to the south, stealing their way in railway trucks or riding on the buffers, they seek refuge by night in haylofts, cellars, unoccupied attics—anywhere they can find the slightest warmth.

In Moscow at midnight you may see hundreds of them scurrying to shelter in the filth under the old Chinese Wall.

During the day they wander the streets in droves, pilfering the stalls of street-vendors, purse-snatching, and pocket-picking. They suddenly appear in groups of twenty or thirty, descend on a crowd waiting for a tram-car, create a momentary confusion, and disappear, having meanwhile robbed two or three women of their handbags, furs, or even hats, which they have snatched from their heads.

Revelations.

"The number of almost infant cocaineists in Moscow alone increased so alarmingly in the last year that the Government were compelled to hold an inquiry. I quote the following revelations, made by a special commission, from the *Rabochaya Moskva*:"

"The investigation of children's institutions in Moscow shows a very large percentage of cocaineists and alcoholics among the homeless children. Their fundamental trade is stealing. There are murderers among them."

"On their own confession the children sniff from three to five grammes of cocaine a day. A gramme of cocaine costs 10s. in the 'dens.' Thus a child sniffer has to procure from £1 10s. to £2 10s. daily for cocaine. No small sum, but, nevertheless, the children succeed in getting it. How? Exclusively by stealing."

Child cocaineists are being treated at a narcotic dispensary which is the first experiment of the kind in the world. At the invitation of the director, Dr. (Madam) Dubrovitch, I went yesterday to see her attendants at work with the twenty-five youthful inmates.

Pitiful Faces.

The appearance of some of the youngsters of eight, nine, and ten years, with their wide, hollow eyes and sunken cheeks, was pitiful. More than half a dozen, ranging in age from ten to sixteen, were described to me as vicious characters. They had robbed with violence, picked pockets, or committed other offences. All were victims either of alcoholism or drugs.

Although this institution is the only one of its kind, there are scores of homeless children's colonies, hospitals, and houses of correction, where attempts are made, not always with any marked degree of success, to check the spread of narcotics among these young parasites. The funds available for this humanitarian work are limited, with the inevitable consequence that inefficiency and maladministration have been rampant, even in some of the better establishments.

2,000 SAILORS MAROONED.

125 SHIPS IN GREAT ICE JAM.

65 IMPRISONED TILL SPRING.

Two thousand sailors, many of them Canadian lake cargo boats, are marooned with their vessels in the pitiless ice floes of the upper reaches of St. Mary's River, connecting Lake Superior with Lake Huron, at Sault Ste. Marie.

The picture produced by the sudden early freezing up with mid-winter blizzards is unique in the history of Canadian navigation.

The efforts of the giant ice crusher Ste. Marie to release the imprisoned vessels have been almost negligible. A few ships have been worked out, among them the Canadian Pacific passenger liner *Albatross*. It was necessary for the ice breaker to make a new lane for each ship and by the time she had a path wide enough for tugs to operate in pulling the trapped ships free the starting stretch of the lane froze fast.

Before a people lived well they must live, and it was only in the recreation of their industries, with one long pull and a haul all together, that they could re-establish all that mattered in the industrial life of the community.

In this connection almost unbelievable disclosures were made recently by the Russian Soviet newspapers. The *Pravda*, one of the Government organs, describing forty-one children's homes in the Tula district, containing 2,758 children, states:

"Maladministration, pilfering, and embezzlement reign in the majority of these homes. Food rations are not issued in full; the education is of a bad quality. The children are ignorant of the majority of the personnel of the homes have had no special pedagogic instruction. They indulge in debauchery before the eyes of the children."

Beaten.

"The children are edged by fear. In some cases they are beaten. They are cowed by threats in order that they may not tell of the disorders that take place in the homes. In one of the homes for defective children, the children, driven to extremes by the maladministration and disorders, revolted and destroyed the lodging of the director."

This report solely concerns homeless children, but in the same connection it is interesting to read the declaration by M. Semashko, the People's Commissar of Health, concerning the Young Pioneers, or Wolf Cubs of Russia, which also appears in the *Pravda*.

"We have noticed lately," he writes, "a most peculiar and paradoxical phenomenon in the state of health of the Pioneers which causes us great alarm. Nervous ailments are acquiring large dimensions. Moreover, the dynamic process revealed is a dangerous one, for the more politically and socially active children are, the weaker is their development and the more subject are they to disease."

Child's Questions.

The interest of the youth of Russia in politics is surprising. I found this borne out in striking fashion among the inmates of the experimental home in Moscow. The following were some of the questions hurled at me in rapid succession by a youngster of fourteen years from Samara, detained as a dangerous and "very strong" cocaineist:

"Are you an English collier?"

"What is the name of your present English king?"

"Do they shoot criminals in England or do they cut off their heads?"

"Has England a large army, and has she a navy?"

"Have you a Communist Government?"

It is to the credit of the Soviet authorities that they are making a serious attempt to deal with the situation. The institution in Moscow, though lamentably small, is well conducted by an efficient staff of expert doctors. When the youthful patients show sufficient sign of recovery, they are given vocational occupations. Some of their work in this direction is remarkable.

When they have completed the strenuous course of treatment, lasting from two to three months, they are sent to a large colony at Pushkino, and when in time they are deemed completely cured, they are restored either to their parents, if they can be found, or placed in the custody of others, where they remain under observation and are protected, for a few years at least, from the temptation of returning to their life of the gutter.

Ice-Crusher Frozen In.

The Ste. Marie was frozen in several times, and it was only with difficulty that she was able to pull herself free.

Most of the work of the Ste. Marie has centred around the upper reaches of the river channel where the ice jam is less severe. With a slight spell of warmer weather it is thought that the 40 vessels imprisoned there may be freed.

In the lower section of the channel 66 vessels are held fast. It is doubtful if these can be released before the spring. Most of the ships are at a considerable distance off shore and the crews have remained aboard. Tugs are able to get close enough to carry supplies and there is no food shortage yet.

There is acute shortage of coal and no prospect of reaching the ships with any other than meagre supplies have run out.

Sailors Can't Get Ashore.

There is no immediate fear for the safety of the ice-bound sailors as they can leave their ships and make their way ashore over the ice.

CHILD TROUBLED WITH ECZEMA

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"My little boy was troubled with eczema of the scalp. It started with an itching and water blisters, and when the blisters broke they formed sore eruptions so that I had to bandage his head. He could not sleep at night because of the irritation and was in misery all the time. My sister advised me to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment so I sent for a free sample. I purchased more, and after using three cakes of Soap and two boxes of Ointment his scalp was healed." (Signed) Mrs. Louise E. Bush, 12, Clarence Pl., Newtown, Bristol, Eng.

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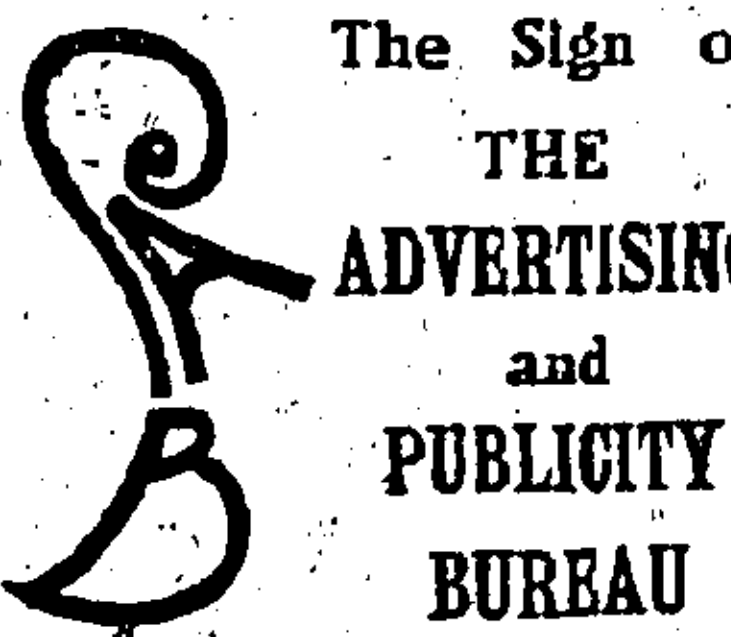


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RACING NOTES.

(By RAPHER.)

New Year's Day Race.

The distance handicap race for non-winners arranged for this morning has unfortunately been postponed owing to certain Service members of the Polo Club being unable to participate in it on account of another engagement. Due notice will be given in this column of the new date fixed for this event.

1927 Race Meeting.

The following is the full programme for the Annual Race Meeting which takes place on February 25th, and the 1st, 2nd and 5th March.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th.

1.—The Wong-Nai-Chong Stakes. Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$100. For China ponies, subscription griffins of any season non-winners. Entrance \$5.—Half a mile.

2.—The Maiden Stakes. Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$100. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this meeting.—Six furlongs.

3.—The Victoria Stakes. Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$100. For all China ponies.—One mile.

4.—The Valley Stakes. Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$100. For subscription griffins of this meeting.—Six furlongs.

5.—The Footchow Cup. Winner \$600. Second \$250. Third \$100. For China ponies.—Two miles.

6.—The Trial Plate. Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$100. For China ponies, bona fide griffins of this meeting.—One mile and a quarter.

7.—The Garrison Cup. Presented by the Officers of the Garrison, with \$500 added for winner. Second \$250. Third \$150. For subscription griffins of any season.—One mile.

8.—The Chater Cup. Cup presented with \$1,000 added. Winner \$300. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China ponies, griffins and subscription griffins of 1926, that have run in at least three extra meetings in Hong Kong during the season 1926.—Form the two mile post once round and in. (About one mile 165 yards).

9.—The Jockey Club Stakes. Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$100. For China ponies.—Six furlongs.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1st.

1.—The Jockey Cup. Winner \$300. Second \$200. Third \$100. A Cup will be presented to the winning jockey. For China ponies, that have started in a meeting and have not won at any time won three flat races, to be ridden by jockeys who have not won five flat races in Hong Kong or China.—One mile.

2.—The Exchange Plate. Presented by the Bankers and Exchange Brokers of Hong Kong. Valued \$1,000 to winner. Second to receive \$300 and Third \$200. For China ponies.—From the two mile post once round and in. (About one mile 165 yards).

3.—The Hong Kong Derby. A Sweepstakes of \$20 each with \$2,000 added. For China ponies, bona fide griffins of this meeting. First pony to receive 70 per cent. Second 50 per cent. Third 10 per cent of the total amount.—One mile and a half.

4.—The Subscription Griffins' Challenge Cup. Value \$1,000. For subscription griffins of this meeting.—One mile and a quarter.

5.—The Great Southern Stakes. Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$100. For China ponies.—Six furlongs.

6.—The Lusitano Cup. Presented by the members of the Club Lusitano. For China ponies, bona fide griffins of this meeting, with \$500 added. Second \$200. Third \$100.—One mile.

7.—The Challenge Cup. Value one hundred guineas. For China ponies.—One mile and three quarters.

8.—The Royal Navy Cup. Presented by the Officers of H.M. Navy, with \$500 added to the winner. Second \$250. Third \$150. For subscription griffins of any season.—From the two mile post once round and in. (About one mile 165 yards).

9.—The "Black Rock" Stakes. Winner \$600. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China ponies, bona fide griffins of this meeting.—One mile and a quarter.

10.—The Gymkhana Stakes. Winner \$600. Second \$250. Third \$150. For all China ponies, that have started for races in at least two extra meetings during the season 1926, and subscription griffins of this meeting.—One mile.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2nd.

1.—The Grand Stand Stakes. Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$100. For China ponies, bona fide griffins of this meeting.—Six furlongs.

2.—The Hong Kong Stakes. Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For subscription griffins of this meeting.—One mile and a half.

3.—The Governor's Cup. Presented by H.E. the Governor, with \$500 added for winner. Second \$300. Third \$200. For all China ponies.—One mile and a quarter.

4.—The Ladies' Purse. Presented. \$400 added for winner. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China ponies.—Once round. (About 7 furlongs 55 yards).

5.—The American Cup. Presented by American Citizens resident in Hong Kong, with \$400 for winner. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China ponies, bona fide griffins of this meeting.—Once round (about 7 furlongs 55 yards).

6.—The Phantom Stakes. "A" Class Handicap. Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China ponies that have run at any extra meeting during 1926 and griffins on date of entry.—One mile and a quarter.

7.—The Phantom Stakes. "B" Class Handicap. A sweepstakes of \$50 each for starters with \$2,000 added for winner. Second \$750. Third \$400. For China ponies, winners at this meeting only.—One mile and a quarter.

8.—The Consolation Stakes. Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China ponies that have started at least twice at this meeting and have not won.—One mile.

9.—The Mill Desperandum Stakes. Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For subscription griffins of this meeting that have started at least twice and have not won.—Five furlongs.

10.—The Trial Plate. Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$100. For China ponies, bona fide griffins of this meeting.—One mile and a quarter.

11.—The Garrison Cup. Presented by the Officers of the Garrison, with \$500 added for winner. Second \$250. Third \$150. For subscription griffins of any season.—One mile.

12.—The Chater Cup. Cup presented with \$1,000 added. Winner \$300. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China ponies, griffins and subscription griffins of 1926, that have run in at least three extra meetings in Hong Kong during the season 1926.—Form the two mile post once round and in. (About one mile 165 yards).

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27.—The Hong Kong Derby. A Sweepstakes of \$20 each with \$2,000 added. For China ponies, bona fide griffins of this meeting. First pony to receive 70 per cent. Second 50 per cent. Third 10 per cent of the total amount.—One mile and a half.

28.—The Subscription Griffins' Challenge Cup. Value \$1,000. For subscription griffins of this meeting.—One mile and a quarter.

29.—The Great Southern Stakes. Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$100. For China ponies.—Six furlongs.

30.—The Lusitano Cup. Presented by the members of the Club Lusitano. For China ponies, bona fide griffins of this meeting, with \$500 added. Second \$200. Third \$100.—One mile.

31.—The Challenge Cup. Value one hundred guineas. For China ponies.—One mile and three quarters.

32.—The Royal Navy Cup. Presented by the Officers of H.M. Navy, with \$500 added to the winner. Second \$250. Third \$150. For subscription griffins of any season.—From the two mile post once round and in. (About one mile 165 yards).

HOLIDAY GOLF.

THE THREE DAYS STARTING TIMES AT FANLING.

The starting times for the three days at Fanling of the New Year Meeting competitions are as under:

To-day.

9.35 a.m. D. J. Lewis, L. R. Andrews.

9.36 " E. A. Brodie, W. D. Brown.

9.40 " S. T. Butlin, N. K. Littlejohn.

9.44 " H. R. Sturt, S. R. Waller.

9.48 " A. H. Ferguson, Col. S. Boylan Smith.

9.52 " E. R. Hallifax, P. P. J. Woodhouse.

9.56 " H. Carson, A. H. Cleland.

10.00 " F. H. Crapnell, C. B. Rigga.

10.04 " J. Coulthart, I. W. Sheehan.

10.08 " L. G. S. Dodwell, H. E. Ireland.

10.12 " G. W. Sellars, W. B. Mackay.

10.16 " J. W. Franks, C. C. Stark.

10.20 " A. C. I. Bowker, D. Forbes.

To-morrow.

9.25 a.m. A. Leach, F. Taylor.

9.32 " W. L. Cornaby, A. Piercy.

9.36 " G. W. Sellars, J. A. Kennedy.

9.40 " A. Ritchie, H. R. Cleland.

9.44 " G. B. Layton, E. Des Vaux.

9.48 " D. S. Edward, T. Low.

9.52 " J. Coulthart, E. W. Ellams.

9.56 " L. G. S. Dodwell, H. G. Hegarty.

10.00 " A. H. Ferguson, L. R. Andrews.

10.04 " D. J. Valentine, I. Newton.

10.08 " W. L. Dunbar, A. Murray.

10.12 " G. B. Brown, S. T. Butlin.

10.16 " A. P. Bungey, J. A. Bloomfield.

10.20 " E. R. Hallifax, V. M. Grayburn.

10.24 " J. W. Franks, F. Austin.

10.28 " J. Wallace, W. B. McKay.

10.32 " J. Harrop, D. M. Goodall.

10.36 " T. C. Monaghan, A. W. Roberts.

10.40 " R. W. Lee, J. H. M. Andrew.

10.44 " J. S. McLaren, W. L. Plow.

10.48 " Col. Boylan Smith, Maj. Edwards.

10.52 " W. Ironside, H. U. Ireland.

10.56 " W. A. Butterfield, G. Lloyd.

11.00 " A. Ramsay, J. Humphreys.

11.04 " A. Ramsay, J. Humphreys.

11.08 " A. Sommerfeld, A. J. Sankey.

11.12 " W. L. Alexander, H. Carson.

11.16 " R. A. Green, J. Hall.

11.20 " Major Wynne, H. A. Lammert.

11.24 " A. B. Purves, N. K. Littlejohn.

11.28 " W. M. Cox, A. Webster.

11.32 " P. P. J. Woodhouse, G. Davidson.

11.36 " Capt. Bloxham, D. G. Bruce.

11.40 " A. O. Brawns, T. S. Whyte-Smith.

11.44 " R. K. Valentine, C. A. Middleton Smith.

11.48 " E. H. Williams, T. Megarry.

Monday.

9.25 a.m. A. H. Ferguson, H. G. Sheldon.

9.32 " T. S. Whyte-Smith, H. U. Ireland.

9.36 " G. Hogg, H. C. Tredwell.

9.40 " A. Leach, I. H. Geare.

9.44 " R. A. Green, E. D. Matthews.

9.48 " N. L. Smith, L. R. Andrews.

9.52 " C. B. Johnson, Another.

9.56 " L. S. Greenhill, T. G. Weill.

10.00 " J. L. McPherson, J. H. Wallace.

10.04 " E. A. Brodie, J. W. Alabaster.

10.08 " W. L. Alexander, N. K. Littlejohn.

10.12 " H. R. Cleland, H. Carson.

10.16 " J. R. Waddell, D. S. Edward.

10.20 " B. L. Moncrieff, I. W. Sheehan.

BOXING.

FOURTH TOURNAMENT NEXT WEEK.

The fourth tournament of the season, under the auspices of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, is to be held next Saturday evening at the Theatre Royal, commencing at 9.15.

The main event is: Stoker Norman Morris (H.M.S. Hermes) v. A. B. Bromley (H.M.S. Wishart).

Booking can be made at Montre's, members of January 5th and 6th; and general public on January 7th and 8th. The usual prices will be charged.

HOLIDAY FOOTBALL.

THE GAMES FOR TO-DAY.

The following games are down for to-day:—

League: Division I.

Kick-off at 4 p.m.

Hong Kong Club v. R.A. Hong Kong F.C. ground.

South China v. China Athletic, Sookunpo "A" ground.

The Hong Kong Club and R.A. meet in their postponed game. This will now be played on the H.K.F.C. ground.

It is unusual to see the Club but in League soccer, on New Year's day, the ground usually being given up to the rugby section.

In this return game, the Gunners will be without Leach who had a lot to do with the Club's defeat in the previous meeting between these teams. The game should be keenly contested and the Club will do well to take both points.

The crowd will travel to Sookunpo to see the game between South China and the China Athletic and will be filled with the Chinese supporters. The first meeting between these Clubs ended in a win for the Athletic by two clear goals. The result is very open to-day for South China have improved in their later games.

United Services Competition. On Wednesday, the Royal Navy will oppose a selected team in an inter-club practice game on the H.K.F.C. ground. In view of this practice game, the semi-final match in the United Services Competition between H.M.S. Hawkins and R.A. will be played at a later date.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. Royal Navy. This match will be played on the Club ground on January 1st and 2nd commencing at 10.30 a.m.

H.K.C.C.—H. R. B. Hancock (capt.), T. E. Pearce, W. H. Hayward, G. R. Sayer, H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, E. J. R. Mitchell, J. F. Gardner, G. R. Vallack, J. C. Lyle, and J. R. Hinton.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v. Navy 2nd XI. At the Happy Valley on Saturday at 2 p.m.

H.K.C.C.—H. C. Burgess, H. J. Armstrong, J. C. Dunbar, R. W. Lee, J. Nicholas, D. E. G. Nicholson, F. H. Orr, S. J. Stanesby, J. A. Summers, C. D. Wales, J. R. Way, and F. H. Westlake.

H.V.D.C. v. Club de Receptio. This match will be played on Sunday, January 2nd, at 10.30 a.m. on the Club de Receptio ground.

H.V.D.C.—H. E. Standage (capt.), J. A. Summers, C. D. Wales, J. R. Hinton, J. N. Owen, A. A. Dand, J. E. Hancock, C. T. Evans, D. E. G. Nicholson, E. R. Renton, and H. Buxton.

It is noted with interest that the Sub-Committee, approved by the Y.R.A. have reported with a recommendation for the use of different handicaps for different weights of wind.

To all who sail the seas "Fair winds for 1927."

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MORE DIVORCE CASES IN ENGLAND.

An increase in divorce cases last year, with a decrease in all other High Court cases, is revealed in "Civil Judicial Statistics for 1926," issued recently as a White Paper.

Petitions filed in matrimonial causes during the year numbered 4,411, compared with 3,147 in 1924, an increase of 2 per cent. These latest figures, however, are 44 per cent. less than in 1919, when the numbers were greater than in any other year.

Under the new rule 382 divorce cases were set down for trial at assizes, and of these all but nine were undefended.</

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The launch of the Navigazione Generale Italiana's liner *Augustus* (31,000 tons), and which will be the largest motor ship in the world, and the completion of the *Romolo*, the biggest oil-engined craft yet turned out from an Italian yard, draws attention to the progress being made in Italy in connection with Diesel propulsion, for in point of tonnage under construction that country is second only to the United Kingdom. The *Romolo*, the biggest motor vessel sailing under the Italian flag, has a length of 482 ft., with a depth of 35 ft. The engines are two units of the standard four-cycle single-acting type, each with six cylinders, 740 mm. in bore with a piston stroke of 1,200 mm. They are designed to develop normally about 2,500 i.h.p. each of from 115 to 120 r.p.m., but, as in several recently-built Italian vessels, superchargers are installed with the object of increasing the power when demand arises for a higher speed. There are two electrically-driven supercharging blowers located on a flat at the level of the top of the engines. They are cross-connected, so that each may supply air under slight pressure to both of the inlet manifolds of the main engines. With one supercharger in operation the output of each main motor can be raised to nearly 3,000 i.h.p., the speed rising to about 125 r.p.m. At the forward end of the engine room is a Cochran boiler for heating purposes, but, apart from this the whole of the auxiliary machinery is electrically driven. There are three Diesel dynamos of 100-kw. capacity, the engines being of standard B. and W. design. The cargo-handling equipment is comprehensive. In seven of the thirteen double-bottom tanks oil fuel is carried, the capacity being over 1,100 tons. The daily fuel consumption for all purposes will probably not exceed 30 tons, and the radius of action is about 17,000 miles. The remaining double-bottom tanks are utilised for lubricating oil, fresh water, and water ballast.

About a month ago there was launched at Naples, for the Navigazione Generale Italiana, a noteworthy passenger and cargo vessel still larger than the *Romolo*. The engine power of the *Orazio*, as the vessel is named, is equal to the highest that has yet been installed in any four-cycle single-acting engine ship, being approximately similar to that in the Holt cargo liners *Orestes* and *Idomeneus*. There are two eight-cylinder motors, with a diameter of 740 mm. and a piston stroke of 1,500 mm. Each is capable of developing 4,000 i.h.p., or about 3,000 s.h.p., but, as in the vessels previously mentioned, superchargers are fitted, enabling the output to be raised to 4,400 i.h.p. per engine. For the supply of electric power to all the auxiliaries, three Diesel-driven generating plants are to be installed, each comprising a 200 h.p. Diesel engine coupled to a 75-kw. dynamo. A sister ship, the *Vergilio*, is due to be launched in December, and both vessels will be placed in commission during the course of 1927. As it is also anticipated that the Cosulich Company's 25,000-ton liner *Saturnia* and the N.C.I. passenger ship *Augustus*, referred to above, will both be completed next year, the coming twelve months will be a period of considerable interest in Italian shipbuilding.—*Eastern Engineering.*

There is passing through the Colony on the *ss. Hakone Maru*, en route for India, Europe and England, in the course of a world tour, Dr. R. R. Moton, who has succeeded the late Booker T. Washington, founder of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, as Principal of that great negro institution. Dr. Moton is accompanied by Mrs. R. R. Moton, Director of the Girls Department of this Institute at Alabama; Miss Catharine Moton, his daughter and also of the Institute staff; Dr. Eugene H. Dibble, jr., Medical Director of the Memorial Hospital of the Institute, and Mrs. Dibble, also of the staff.

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In view of the fact that on most days we see the big aircraft carrier *Hermes* lying quietly at her buoy off Kowloon, and on most mornings we hear her aeroplanes soar over our heads the following account of the vessel, in a recent number of the *Daily Mail* by a Naval Correspondent may be of interest:—

Should any military action be necessary to protect British subjects at Hankow, one vessel which should be particularly useful is that hornet's nest the *Hermes*.

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The *Hermes* may be generally described as a sea-going aerodrome. All that the war taught us about the most efficient way of constructing this type of ship has been incorporated in her design. She carries twenty machines, which go up and down from hangars to the flying deck by electric lifts, and she is equipped with all workshops.

Everybody knows that aircraft carriers exist. What comparatively few understand is the revolution the coming of these strange ships has wrought in the conduct of warfare, especially in places like the Yangtze.

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LIFE IN BROADMOOR
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Interesting light on life in the famous Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum is furnished by the recent announcement in a London contemporary that Ronald True, an ex-officer in Air Force, who is detained in the Criminal Lunatic Asylum for the murder of an "actress" named Gertrude Yates in a London flat in 1922, has undergone a serious operation. True's case excited a lot of interest at the time and the prisoner's reprieve on the ground of insanity (a plea rejected by the jury at the trial) was very sharply criticised.

A leading London specialist was the surgeon at this operation, which was performed in the asylum infirmary. True is now making favourable progress.

True had complained of severe pain in one of his legs, resulting from an injury received in an air crash during the war.

An X-ray examination was made, and it was decided that an operation was necessary.

True has been the life and soul of the famous criminal asylum for more than four years, says our contemporary. He is known as "Ronnie" both among the criminals and the warders, and plays a leading part in the Broadmoor amateur theatricals, of which he is stage manager.

Once a month he organises a concert party and entertains the men. He is allowed to take his troupe to the men who are confined in what are known as "back blocks" of the asylum. These men are the violent or unruly prisoners.

True is said to have ample funds. Cigarettes are sent to him every week, and he is reported to pay another inmate to look after the patch of garden of which he is the nominal gardener.

Hopes of Release.

It is understood that True has never lost hope of being released from Broadmoor. The recent official report that the visiting Board of Control commissioners found four sane men in the asylum was hailed by True as justification for his assertion that he is sane. He at once assumed himself to be one of the four.

His fellow-inmates, however, have noticed occasional eccentricities in his behaviour.

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Barometer...	30.18	30.19	30.17
Temperature...	63	58	64
Humidity...	88	77	88
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Force...	4	3	3
Weather...	B	B	B
Rain...	0.00	0.00	0.00

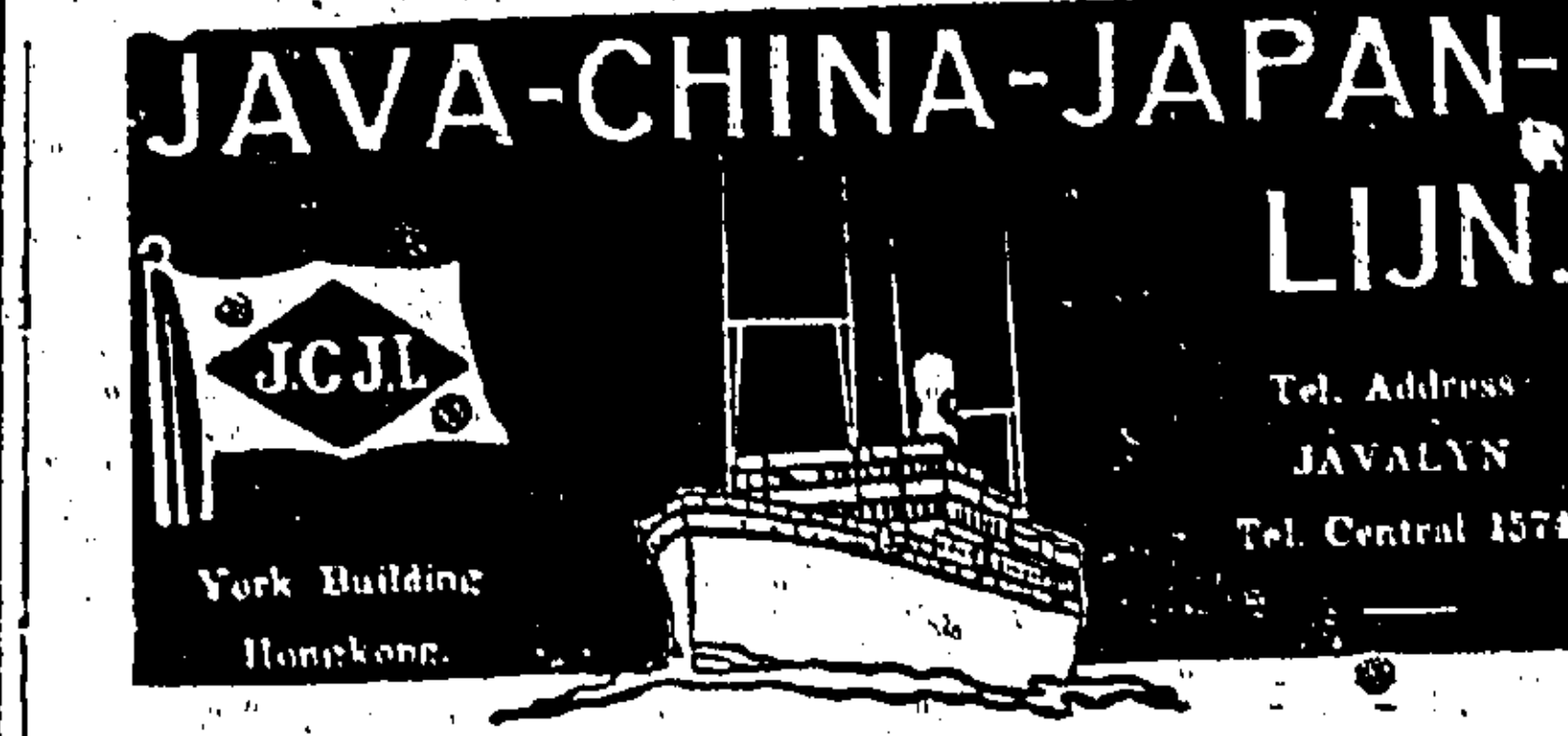
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Lowest open-air Temperature, 31st: 55

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From January 1st to 6th, 1927.

Days of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time.		Hong Kong Standard Time.	
		Height.	Height.	Height.	Height.
Sat.	1	h. m. a.m.	h. m. a.m.	h. m. p.m.	h. m. p.m.
		7 48	4 5	2 9	2 2
Sun.	2	7 18	4 7	2 42	2 30
		8 42	4 4	2 42	1 6
Mon.	3	8 34	4 4	2 38	1 0
		8 33	4 1	2 5	3 0
Tue.	4	9 14	4 4	2 43	2 1
		9 14	4 4	2 43	2 1
Wed.	5	9 58	4 3	2 33	2 3
		10 45	4 2	2 18	2 5
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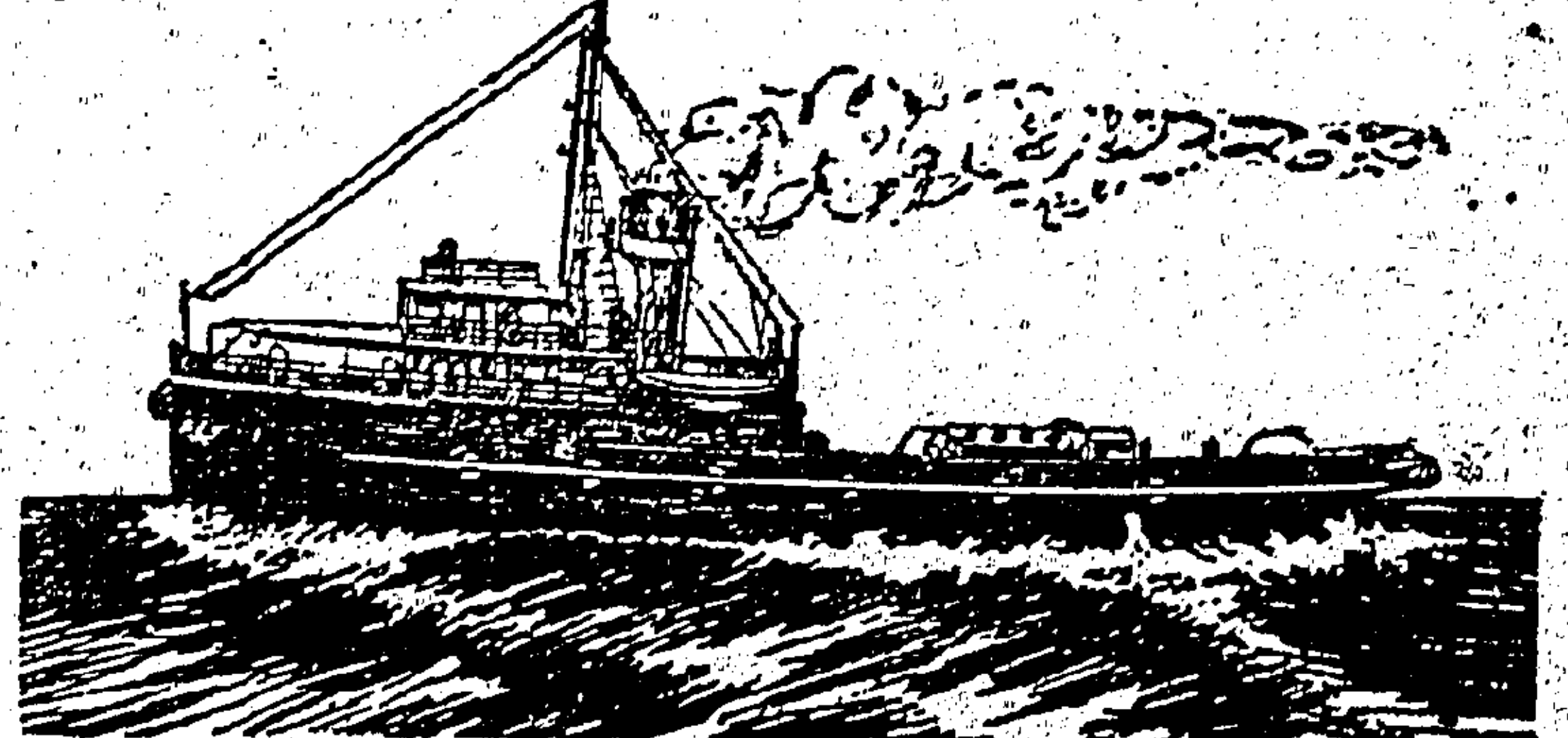
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AKOY & SHANGHAI	"SUICHANG" ... On 2nd Jan. 6 a.m.
BANGKOK	"KWITANG" ... On 2nd Jan. 6 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LUCHOW" ... On 2nd Jan. 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN" ... On 2nd Jan. 4 p.m.
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ARRIVALS.

December 30th.

Glenora, British str., 4,123 tons, Capt. E. Farrow, from Shanghai, which port she left on Dec. 28th, with beans and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A10—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Kawachi Maru, Japanese str., 5,797 tons, Capt. N. Wada, from Moji, which port she left on Dec. 28th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Kuth, German str., 906 tons, Capt. H. Frandsen, from Dalen, with a cargo of beans, lying at buoy No. C47—Kwang Mow Tai.

Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Capt. T. Yasakawa, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C30—N.Y.K.

Mirapora, British str., 3,340 tons, Capt. L. A. Bedwell, from Shanghai, which port she left on Dec. 27th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A20—MacKinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Ningpo, French str., 730 tons, Capt. J. Bouamare, from Haiphong and Port Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C37—Messageries Maritimes.

Van Overstraten, Dutch str., 2,836 tons, Capt. H. Shinter, from Deli and Singapore. The latter port she left on Dec. 23rd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A2—J.C.J.L.

Yan On, Chinese str., 684 tons, Capt. L. Jack, from Swatow and Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41—Canton, Shanghai S.S. Co.

December 31st.

Rigo Maru, Japanese str., 3,822 tons, Capt. K. Suzuki, from Moji, which port she left on Dec. 28th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Chipsing, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. D. C. Burleigh, from Canton, with a nil entry, lying at buoy No. C33—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Hakone Maru, Japanese str., 6,306 tons, Capt. S. Hirata, from Yokohama and Shanghai. The latter port she left on Dec. 28th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3—N.Y.K.

Harold Dollar, British str., 2,323 tons, Capt. H. E. Kerley, from San Francisco and Shanghai. The former port she left on Nov. 26th and the latter on Dec. 27th, with 200 tons of asphalt and 300 tons of oil, lying at Leichikok—Dollar S.S. Line.

Hupph, British str., 1,203 tons, Capt. J. D. Whyte, from Amoy, with a nil entry, lying at buoy No. C30—B. & S.

President Lincoln, American str., 8,330 tons, Capt. H. L. Jones, from Manila, which port she left on Dec. 28th, with 800 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Dollar S.S. Line.

Vulcanus, Dutch str., 707 tons, Capt. J. de Klerk, from Foochow, with a cargo of empty drums, lying at Taikoktsai—Asiatic Petroleum Co.

CLEARANCES.

December 31st.

Akashi Maru, for Canton.

Amoy, for Amoy.

Rigo Maru, for Singapore.

Chipsing, for Shanghai.

Corona, for Chinwangtao.

Fingal, for Canton.

Hu Ching, for Swatow.

Hakone Maru, for Singapore.

Hanoi, for Kwang Chow Wan.

Harold Dollar, for Singapore.

Ho Sang, for Singapore.

Kaiyuan Maru, for Hoilow.

Kath, for Canton.

Kotsu Maru, for Swatow.

Kwang Chow, for Swatow.

President Lincoln, for Shanghai.

St. Albans, for Manila.

Sunkong, for Kwang Chow Wan.

Taihou Maru, for Hongkong.

Typhoon, for Singapore.

Vancouver, for Haiphong.

Vulcanus, for Amoy.

MARINE COURT.

For failing to exhibit regulation lights, the masters of two fishing junks were fined \$15 or 2 weeks' hard labour each, by Lt. Comdr. G. F. Ho, R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday morning.

The mistress of a sampson was fined \$5 or five days' hard labour for carrying 9 passengers in excess of the number allowed by her licence.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued from the Royal Observatory at 5.50, stated:—
A new anti-cyclone appears to be forming over N. China. The monsoon will freshen along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.
Local forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate to fresh, fine.

"PRESIDENT LINCOLN"

ARRIVES.

WHO'S WHO ON BOARD.

The Dollar S.S. liner *President Lincoln* came into port yesterday from Manila, and will sail for Shanghai to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The liner brought a fair amount of freight for Hong Kong, and carried a greater quantity for ports beyond. She disembarked here 13 cabin and 9 steerage passengers. In addition to the 13 through cabin and 316 steerage passengers, the *President Lincoln* will carry away about 50 more cabin passengers from Hong Kong.

Who's Who.

Among the passengers were:—
Mr. George F. Bradford, agent for Swaney & Co. in Manila.
Dr. Anne N. Farrow, a well-known missionary physician in China.
Her niece, Miss Frances E. Edgar is with her.
Mr. Charles L. Manners, manager of the Kowloon Stevedoring Company at Hong Kong. Accompanied by Mrs. Manners. He has been visiting in Manila.
Mr. R. F. Chutter, a member of H. K. Mulford Co. of Philadelphia.
Through Passengers:—Mr. Wm. T. S. White, Mrs. White, their son, Mr. Sherman White and daughter, Miss Evelyn White, have been on a combined business and pleasure trip throughout the Orient. Mr. White is president of the Amos Bird Co. at Shanghai and they are also connected with the H. J. Keith Co., of Shanghai, Chicago and Boston.
Mr. Alfred M. Slacks is with the International Banking Corporation at Shanghai. He is accompanied by Mrs. Slacks.
Dr. Wallace W. Atwood and Mrs. Atwood are returning to the States from a tour of the Orient. Dr. Atwood is president of the Clark University in Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Church are returning to Denver Colorado after touring the Orient. Mr. Church is a retired financier and is interested in educational films.
Dr. Victor C. Vaughn and Mrs. Vaughn. Dr. Vaughn is a well-known authority on Tuberculosis. Mr. Fred H. Aberly is with Sherwin-Williams Paint Company, he is returning to the States after two years in the Oriental service of that Company. Lieut. Robert G. Tobin, of the United States Navy, is returning from a tour of duty in Oriental waters, accompanied by Mrs. Tobin and their infant son.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

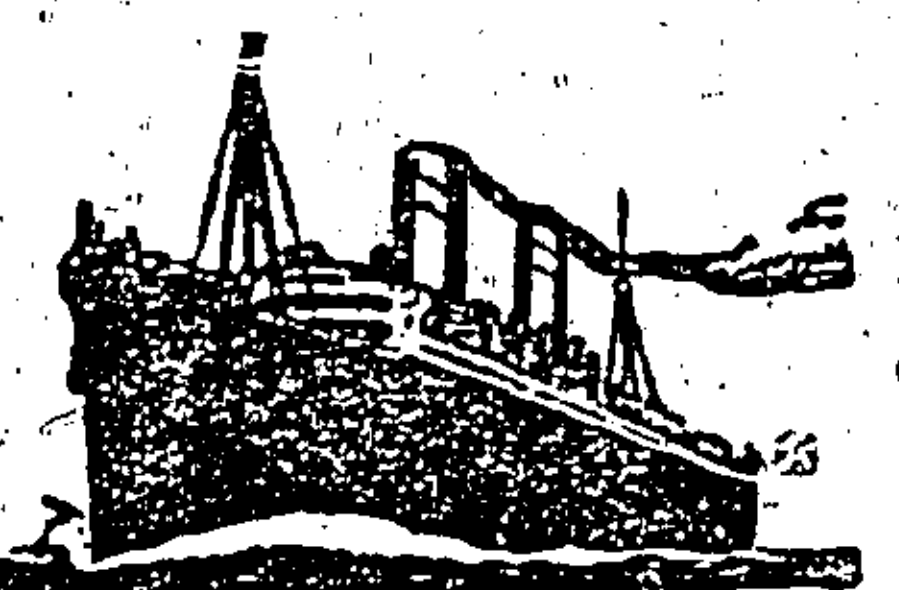
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Per s.s. *Hakone Maru*, from Shanghai, on Dec. 31st:—Mrs. M. Abe, Miss L. C. Butterworth, Mrs. L. Claven, Mr. H. J. Dike, Mr. F. Dubois, Mr. K. Endoh, Mrs. Endoh, Master J. Fousca, Master A. Fousca, Mr. F. H. Hedges, Mr. E. Humphreys, Mr. W. E. Joseph, Mr. T. Kupper, Mr. A. H. Lay, Mr. H. H. Lasham, Mr. S. L. Liem, Mr. L. F. Miner, Mr. J. D. McLeod, Mrs. McLeod, Mr. A. Reichelt, Mr. A. Schubert, Mr. M. W. Stranack, Mrs. Stranack, Rev. J. W. Thompson, Miss M. E. Thompson, Mr. J. Tredet, Mr. A. J. Tullis, Mr. W. S. Lee, Mr. A. M. Rest, Dr. E. H. Dibble, Mrs. Dibble, Mr. C. W. Eadie, Mrs. Eadie, Miss H. K. Eadie, Mr. B. Cow, Mr. F. H. Graham, Dr. B. S. Hall, Mr. B. L. Jacobs, Mr. A. H. Lay, Mrs. A. H. Lay, Dr. R. A. Moton, Mrs. Moton, Miss C. E. Moton, Mr. A. S. Muir, Mr. A. E. Parkin, Mr. E. W. Stagg, Mrs. Stagg, Miss J. M. Stagg, Mr. M. Watanabe, Mrs. Watanabe, Master H. Watanabe.

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OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	"FOOKSANG"	Tuesday, 11th Jan. at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"K'WONGSANG"	Wednesday, 13th Jan. at 7 a.m.
TIENSIN	"CHEONGSANG"	Friday, 14th Jan. at 2 p.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HOPSANG"	Sunday, 16th Jan. at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	"KUNTSANG"	Tuesday, 18th Jan. at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"K'WAIKANG"	Wednesday, 19th Jan. at 7 a.m.
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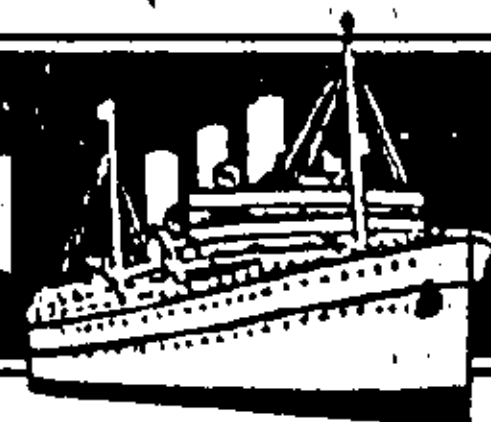
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EMPEROR OF CANADA	Jan. 26	Jan. 26	Jan. 26	Jan. 26	Jan. 26	Jan. 26	EMPEROR OF CANADA	Jan. 26	Jan. 26
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Jan. 26	Jan. 26	Jan. 26	Jan. 26	Jan. 26	Jan. 26	EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Jan. 26	Jan. 26
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 9
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 9	Mar. 9
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 9
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	EMPEROR OF ASIA	Apr. 30	Apr. 30
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	EMPEROR OF CANADA	Apr. 30	Apr. 30
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 30	Apr. 30
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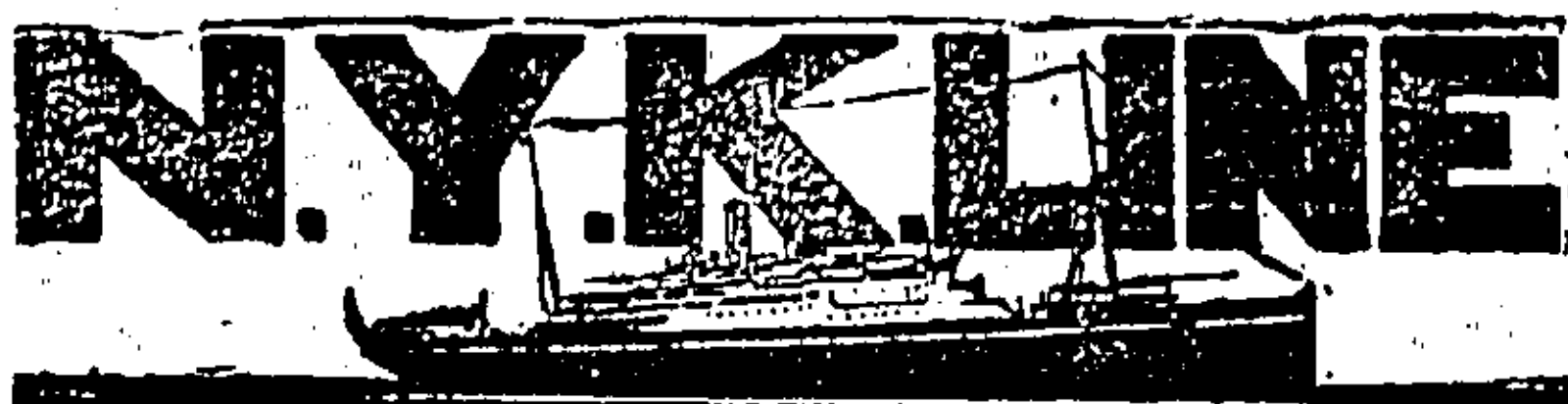


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SPRING	17th Dec., "	18th Jan., "	15th Feb., "
ANGERS	31st Dec., 1926	18th Jan., "	15th Feb., "
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Shipping News Daily Statement, Shipping Notes, Vessels Expected, etc.

YESTERDAY'S STATEMENTS.

LOCAL IMPORTS STILL DECLINING.

HEAVY THROUGH FREIGHTS.

Imports of general merchandise into the Colony as shown by the returns during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were still on the decline, while through freights manifested on the vessels passing through Hong Kong, have greatly increased.

Out of the 15 vessels which came into port during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, only 10 steamers brought cargo for local discharge. The total tonnage discharged here amounted to 3,112 tons, of which 70 tons were unloaded from 1 British vessel.

Out of these 10 vessels, only one carried a four-figure cargo—the s.s. *Biyo Maru*, from Nagoya and Moji, which brought 1,142 tons.

Through freights were manifested on 10 vessels. The total amount carried was 24,244 tons, with 12,830 tons on 2 British vessels.

The three heaviest carriers were the s.s. *Mitsunaga*, from Vladivostok and Shanghai, which had 8,830 tons. The *Hakone Maru*, from Yokohama and Shanghai, had 5,107 tons, and the *Glenara*, carried 4,000 tons from Shanghai.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were: British, 4 arrivals and 6 departures; Japanese, 4 arrivals and 4 departures; Chinese, 3 arrivals; Danish, 1 departure; Dutch, 1 arrival and 2 departures; French, 1 arrival; German, 1 arrival; American, 1 arrival and 1 departure.

Vessels in port totalled 68, of which 26 were British. The total number of deck passengers entered into the Colony was 1,740.

The 15 arrivals were:—
S.S. *Mitsunaga* (British) from Vladivostok and Shanghai 79 tons general for Hong Kong and 8,830 tons for ports.

S.S. *Glenara* (British) from Shanghai, 4,000 tons general for ports beyond Hong Kong.

S.S. *Sung Ho* (French) from Haiphong and Fort Bayard, 75 tons general for Hong Kong and 70 tons for ports.

S.S. *Hupei* (British) from Amoy, in ballast.

S.S. *Chin Shing* (British) from Canton, in ballast.

S.S. *Kaiko* (German) from Dairen, 300 tons general for Hong Kong and 1,700 tons for ports.

S.S. *Lincoln* (American) from Manila 112 tons general for Hong Kong and 800 tons for ports.

S.S. *Van Overstraten* (Dutch) from Deli and Singapore, 600 tons general for Hong Kong and 100 tons for ports.

S.S. *Biyo Maru* (Japanese) from Nagoya and Moji, 1,142 tons general for Hong Kong and 1,979 tons for ports.

S.S. *Hakone Maru* (Japanese) from Yokohama and Shanghai, 10 tons general for Hong Kong and 5,107 tons for ports.

S.S. *Kawachi Maru* (Japanese) from Yokohama and Moji, 62 tons general for Hong Kong and 1,938 tons for ports.

S.S. *Luthen Maru* (Japanese) from Shanghai and Swatow, 22 tons general for Hong Kong and 650 tons for ports.

S.S. *Chung King* (Chinese) from Kwang Chow Wan, 160 tons general for Hong Kong.

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SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The deaths of two deck passengers and their burial at sea, is reported by the master of the s.s. *Van Overstraten*, which arrived from Singapore yesterday. She carried over 1,200 deck passengers.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The Blue Funnel liner *Antenor* arrived at Marseilles on December 18th.

The Blue Funnel liner *Tehmon* arrived at London on December 25th.

The Blue Funnel line s.s. *Tener* arrived at Boston on December 25th.

Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Yorke Tyrwhitt, K.C.B., D.S.O., the new Commander-in-Chief of the China Station in succession to Admiral Sir Edwyn Alexander Sinclair, K.C.B., M.V.O., is due at Hong Kong on the P. & O. s.s. *Jorda*. The new Commander-in-Chief is accompanied by Lady Tyrwhitt, his two daughters and a secretary.

S.S. *Sun Kong* (Chinese) from Kwang Chow Wan, 300 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Yun On* (Chinese) from Canton, 250 tons general for Hong Kong.

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